



## **Annual Arabella Mansfield Award – Nomination Deadline April 30, 2019**

The award will be presented during the I.O.W.A. Annual Awards Banquet, Saturday, June 15, 2019 in the Union Block Building in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Yes, we will be in the room where it happened, exactly 150 years after it happened. This award will be presented as part of a special 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Arabella Mansfield, also commonly known as Belle Babb Mansfield, was the first woman lawyer admitted to the practice of law in the United States. Ms. Mansfield studied law in her brother's law office for two years and was admitted to the Iowa Bar on June 15, 1869, in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. She was admitted despite the fact that Iowa law required an applicant for bar admission be white, male, and over the age of 21. Arabella and her husband taught at Iowa Wesleyan College, then moved to Greencastle, Indiana in 1876, to teach at DePauw University. She served as Dean of the School of Art in 1893, and Dean of the School of Music in 1894. She was also active in the women's suffrage movement, chairing the Iowa Women's Suffrage Convention in 1870, but died in 1911, nine years before women obtained the right to vote. She was inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame in 1980.

The Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys (I.O.W.A.) established the Arabella Mansfield Award in 2002 to recognize outstanding women lawyers in Iowa who have promoted and nurtured women in the legal profession.

Former recipients are: Eliza Ovrom, Justice Linda Neuman, Ruth Cooperrider, Dean Linda McGuire, Paige Fiedler, Gail Klearman, Judge Donna Paulsen, Lu Ann White, Jeana Goosmann, Judge Rosemary Shaw Sackett, Chris Luzzie, Judge Ruth Klotz, Michelle "Miki" McGovern, Deborah Tharnish, Emily Gould Chafa, Judge Celeste Bremer, Roxann Ryan.

Nomination forms available at: [www.iowawomenattorneys.org](http://www.iowawomenattorneys.org)

**Application Requirements:** Submit the following materials, using the guidelines below:

A. Nomination Form.

Please complete the form that follows.

B. Nominee's Resume.

Please attach the nominee's resume or biographical information, describing her background and contributions.

C. Reason for Nomination.

On a separate page, in a few concise paragraphs, **please specifically answer the following question: How has the nominee promoted and nurtured women in the legal profession? In answering this question, please describe the accomplishments, contributions and/or initiatives of the nominee in the area of promoting and nurturing women in the legal profession, indicating the significance of her impact on women attorneys in Iowa, with examples.**

D. Availability to Receive Award.

**Please indicate whether the nominee will be able to be present to receive the award on Saturday, June 15, 2019 in Mount Pleasant, Iowa** (i.e., no planned trips or other commitments).

**Deadline and procedure: Nomination forms are due by April 30, 2019.**

Nominations can be submitted electronically to Margaret Johnson or Emily Chafa at the email addresses listed below or by regular U.S. postal mail to Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys, Attn: Arabella Mansfield Award, P.O. Box 8268, Des Moines, IA 50301.

If you have questions, contact Margaret Johnson, Professional Action Chair, at E-mail: meg\_colaw@hotmail.com or Emily Chafa, Annual Meeting Co-Chair, at emilychafa@msn.com

**RETURN NOMINATION FORM AND ATTACHMENTS BY APRIL 30, 2019 TO:**

**Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys**

**Attn: Arabella Mansfield Award**

**P.O. Box 8268 Des Moines, IA 50301**

**Or via e-mail to: meg\_colaw@hotmail.com or emilychafa@msn.com**

## Arabella Mansfield Award Nomination Form

Please type or print clearly:

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Please indicate any categories that describe the nominee's present position or practice

Private practice     Judiciary     Prosecutor/public defender     Government  
 Academia     Legal author/writer     Corporate/business sector     Non-profit entity  
 Other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the nominating person's name and information as listed below:

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Your Name	Title/Position	Firm/Organization
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