

# Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing

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### **About:**

An annual award to recognize excellence in legal publishing was established by the CALL Executive in 1998. This award was initiated as a means of acknowledging the work that is done by publishers to provide the legal profession with high quality materials for use in understanding and researching the law. It is hoped that this award serves both as a means to honour publishers who have produced excellent products and to encourage excellence in new publishing endeavours. In 2005, the award was renamed the Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing to honour Dr. Lawford for his contributions to the Canadian law library community.

The award may be given for a wide variety of publishing endeavours – a specific book, series, service, or a particularly innovative publishing venture. All formats are eligible, including print, electronic, and audio-visual. The intent is to recognize excellent products and services, whether published in a traditional format or with new technology. English- and French-language publications will be considered. Although this is an award for publishers, recognition will be given to authors and editors where required.

### **Past Recipients:**

- 2016 – Thomson Reuters for *WestlawNext Canada*
- 2015 - University of Toronto Press for the *Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History* book series
- 2014 - LexisNexis for *JurisClasseur Québec*
- 2013 - UBC Press for *Canadian Yearbook of International Law*
- 2012 - Centre d'accès à l'information juridique (CAIJ), JuriBistroMD UNIK
- 2011 - Not presented
- 2010 - Nova Scotia Barristers' Society-Library & Information Services, Nova Scotia Annotated Civil Procedure Rules
- 2009 - Slaw.ca
- 2005 - Canadian Legal Information Institute[CanLII], internet-based collection of primary sources of Canadian law
- 2007 - Maritime Law Book
- 2006 - la société québécoise d'information juridique [SOQUIJ], AZIMUT database 2004 - Éditions Yvon Blais, Common Law en poche series
- 2003 – Carswell, eCarswell platform
- 2002 - Irwin Law, Essentials of Canadian Law series
- 2001- Canada Law Book, multiple publications
- 2000 - Quicklaw Inc., American caselaw and legislation databases
- 1999 - Insight Press, InConference CD-ROM product.

### **Nomination Process:**

A call for nominations, emanating from the Chair, will be posted in the early fall (September-October) and again in early Winter (December-January) on the CALL-L listserv and on the CALL website News.

A call for nominations may be published in appropriate legal newsletters and legal blogs (Law Times, Lawyers Weekly, Revue du Barreau).

Publishers will be formally invited to submit book or product titles for consideration. If an electronic product is nominated, the publisher will be asked to provide temporary access to the committee members for review purposes. If no nominations are received



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in any given year, the Award committee will be responsible for providing a short-list (minimum of three submissions) for consideration.

The committee members will review all nominations for the following:

- excellence and innovation;
- quality of editing, including features which enhance useability (table of contents, indices, searchability);
- significant contribution to a body of legal literature;
- fills a gap in the literature;
- Products originating from other jurisdictions, which provide useful information or functionality for Canadian professionals may be nominated. Only products or editions which have been released in the past two years may be considered; serial sets or bodies of work may only be considered where content is currently being produced.
- The committee will choose an award recipient by April 15.
- The decision will be announced by the Chair of the Award Committee at that year's CALL conference. While it is hoped that worthy publications will be nominated each year and an award made, an award need not be made in a particular year if no suitable nominations are received.