

LLRN Award for Distinguished Contributions to Labour Law

Guidelines Approved by the Advisory Committee

1. The goal of the Award is to acknowledge exceptional life-time contributions to labour law scholarship. Such recognition from the global community of labour law scholars, which the LLRN represents, is intended to be meaningful both for the Award recipients and for the community bestowing this honour.
2. To maintain the prestige and credibility of the Award, and to prevent any negative impact on the spirit of the LLRN, it is crucial to create a process that will ensure the choice of awardees based on academic excellence, without undue political considerations.
3. As befits a global network, LLRN Award recipients will be chosen on the basis of their contributions at the international level, rather than contributions (however important) limited to one country. Admittedly, this gives some advantage to those coming from English-speaking countries, because all of their writings are accessible to scholars around the world. Without detracting from the requirement of international contributions, efforts should be made to minimize this advantage and recognize the contributions of scholars from all parts of the world.
4. The Award will be given every two years, at the LLRN conference. It can be awarded to a maximum of two individuals each time.
5. At least eight months before each conference, the LLRN Steering Committee will nominate a five-member Award Nominations Committee, composed of established labour law scholars with international reputation from different countries and at least three different regions. One of the members will be from the research centre organizing the next conference or someone proposed by this centre. The Steering Committee will also designate a Chair for the Nominations Committee.
6. The Nominations Committee will publish an open “call for nominations” asking members of the global labour law community to recommend colleagues for the Award. The institutional members of the LLRN (the labour law research centres) will also be asked to make their recommendations. The Committee can also consider scholars who have not been recommended to it by others.
7. The Nominations Committee will choose the Award recipients no later than four months before the LLRN conference, and notify the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will choose when and how to publish the decision.
8. The Nominations Committee will choose the Award recipients based on the following criteria:
 - a. A strong record of publications in the field of labour law, over a significant period of time (at least two decades);

- b. The publications are of the highest academic level, showing both excellent scholarly skills and originality;
 - c. The publications have made a significant impact on labour law discourse at the international level;
 - d. International reputation as a leader in the field of labour law;
 - e. Overall contribution to the academic world and the labour law community;
 - f. Overall career achievements relevant to the field of labour law.
9. To the extent possible, without detracting from the above considerations, the Nominations Committee will strive to achieve diversity in terms of country/region of origin, as well as gender balance. To this end the Committee will also review the list of previous Award recipients.