THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE

AWARDS COMMITTEE CHARTER

(Adopted by resolution of the Council and effective on May 18, 2009.)

I.   Purpose

The Awards Committee recommends candidates for the Institute's Henry J. Friendly Medal, John Minor Wisdom Award, and Distinguished Service Award, as well as for any other awards that may be requested by the Council or Executive Committee.

II.   Membership

The Awards Committee should not have fewer than five members and may not have more than seven members, one of whom is the President. After receiving recommendations from the President, the Executive Committee appoints the remaining members of the Awards Committee, including its Chair and, if desired, a Vice Chair. All members of the Awards Committee must be members of the Council or Council members emeritus.

III.   Meetings

The Awards Committee meets as often as it determines is appropriate or upon the request of the President or Executive Committee, but not less than once each year.

IV.   Authority and Responsibilities

The Awards Committee's authority and responsibilities are as follows:

A.   Identify and recommend to the Council or Executive Committee qualified candidates for the Institute's awards.

B.   As necessary or appropriate, prepare criteria or guidelines for the Institute's awards and periodically review and revise those criteria or guidelines.

V.   Consultants

If they are not members of the Awards Committee, then any former law clerks of Judge Friendly and any former law clerks of Judge Wisdom who are Council members or Council members emeritus serve as consultants to the Committee with respect to candidates for the Henry J. Friendly Medal or John Minor Wisdom Award. Before recommending a candidate for either of those awards the Chair of the Committee, or upon request of the Chair any other member of the Committee, should confer with the respective consultants, and also may confer with any other former law clerks of Judge Friendly or Judge Wisdom, respectively.