

## CBA Alliance for Women Awards

### Founders Award

Established in 1994 and first awarded to Laurel G. Bellows, the founder of the Alliance, the Founders Award is given to women who have demonstrated a sustained, active commitment to the advancement of women throughout their careers.

2024-2025 Mary Smith, VENG Group	2008-2009 Julie A. Bauer, Winston & Strawn LLP
2023-2024 Terri Mascherin, Jenner & Block LLP	2007-2008 Hon. Joan Humphrey Lefkow, Northern District of Illinois
2022-2023 Susan B. Shulman, North Suburban Legal Clinic	2006-2007 Susan R. Lichtenstein
2021-2022 Mary Clare Bonaccorsi, Polsinelli	2005-2006 Hon. Carole Kamin Bellows, Circuit Court of Cook County
2018-2019 Linda D. Friedman. Stowell & Friedman, Ltd	2004-2005 Hon. Joy V. Cunningham, First District, Illinois Appellate Court
2017-2018 Neha Lall, LAF	2003-2004 Zaldwaynaka Scott, Kaye Scholer LLP
2016-2017 Hon. Elaine E. Bucklo, U.S. District Court	2002-2003 Judith A. Gold, Perkins Coie
2015-2016 Paula Hudson Holderman, Winston & Strawn LLP	2001-2002 Hon. Martha A. Mills
2014-2015 Stephanie Scharf, Scharf Banks Marmor LLC	2000-2001 Hon. Beverly Susler Parkhurst, Social Security Office of Disability Adjudication and Review
2013-2014 Diane Redleaf, The Family Defense Center	1999-2000 Jane DiRenzo Pigott, R3 Group, LLC
2012-2013 Andrea S. Kramer, McDermott Will & Emery	1998-1999 Esther Rothstein
2011-2012 Wendy Pollack, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law	1997-1998 Dolores Hanna
2010-2011 Patricia Costello Slovak, Schiff Hardin	1996-1997 Pamela Strobel
2009-2010 Gloria Santona, McDonald's Corporation	

1995-1996  
Hon. Sheila M. Murphy

1994-1995  
Laurel G. Bellows, The Bellows Law Group

### **Alta May Hulett Award**

Named for the first woman lawyer in Illinois, the Alta May Hulett Award is presented to a woman who meets the criteria for the Founder's Award but has been qualified to practice law for fifteen years or less.

2024-2025  
Gail Eisenberg, Loftus & Eisenberg

2010-2011  
Marcia Owens, Hamilton Theis & Lorch LLP

2023-2024  
Alexis Crawford Douglas, K&L Gates

2009-2010  
Angela R. Elbert, Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP

2022-2023  
Carolyn A. Blessing, Locke Lord

2008-2009  
Karina Ayala-Bermejo, Metropolitan Family Services

2021-2022  
Kernisha Padilla, Latham & Watkins

2007-2008  
Deborah H. Telman, Johnson Controls

2018-2019  
Kathryn C. Liss, DePaul University - College of Law

2006-2007  
Adrienne B. Pitts, Baker & McKenzie LLP

2017-2018  
Emily Masalski, Hunter Masalski LLC

2005-2006  
Lisa T. Scruggs, Duane Morris LLP

2016-2017  
Julie A. Johnson, Aronberg Goldgehn

2004-2005  
Aurora N. Abella-Austriaco, Austriaco & Associates

2015-2016  
Kristen E. Hudson, Chuhak & Tecson, P.C.

2003-2004  
Margot Klein, Valorem Law Group

2014-2015  
Megan Lopp Mathias, Stahl Cowen Crowley Addis LLC

2002-2003  
Kathleen L. Nooney

2013-2014  
Alison Hayden Kehrer, United Airlines, Inc.

2001-2002  
Hon. Celia Guzaldo Gamrath, Circuit Court of Cook County

2012-2013  
Michele M. Kohut, Corboy & Demetrio

2000-2001  
Jennifer T. Nijman, Nijman Franzetti LLP

2011-2012  
Julianne M. Hartzell, Marshall Gerstein Borun

1999-2000  
E. Lynn Grayson, Jenner & Block

