**NOMINATION FORM**

**2025 IPLAC CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**The Intellectual Property** Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC) solicits nominations for its **2026 Creator of the Year Award.** The Award honors those who have made a significant creative work or works protected by patents, trademarks, or copyrights. Most or all the creative activity must have occurred in the Chicago metropolitan area. The winner or winners will be honored at IPLAC’s annual meeting to be held in July 2026 and will be presented with a plaque in recognition of the award.

**Nomination Deadline: March 25, 2026**

**Please e-mail the completed nomination form to:**

RathnarKoka@gmail.com

Rathna Koka

Chair, IPLAC Creator of the Year Committee

P.O. Box 472

Chicago 60690-0472

**I. NOMINATOR’S INFORMATION**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

BUSINESS PHONE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

**II. NOMINEE(S) INFORMATION**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

BUSINESS PHONE:

HOME PHONE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

PROFESSION:

 EMPLOYER:

**III. INFORMATION REGARDING NOMINEE’S ACHIEVEMENT(S)**

For **patented inventions,** complete section III. A.

For **registered trademarks,** complete section III. B.

For **copyrighted works**, complete section III. C.

**NOTE**: To be eligible for the IPLAC Creative Achievement Award, most or all the creative activity which serves as the basis for the nomination must have been conducted in the Chicagoland area. Please submit supplemental materials, if any, as an appendix.

1. **Patent – Invention**
2. Please summarize the invention(s) and product(s)
3. Please describe the technological significance of the invention(s) in the relevant industry
4. Please describe the economic and/or societal impact of the invention(s)
5. Concerning each patent covering the nominated invention; please:
	1. Identify each by patent number;
	2. Identify the one or two most important patents with an asterisk;
	3. Identify any patents currently involved in litigation; and
	4. If possible, include copies of the patents (preferable electronic copies via email).

**Response:**

1. **Trademark – Branding, advertising or marketing activity**
2. Please summarize the branding, advertising or marketing activity
3. Please describe the significance of the activity
4. Please describe the economic and/or societal impact of the activity
5. For any trademarks or service marks created or used in connection with the activity, please:
	1. Identify each trademark or service mark;
	2. Identify the owner of each trademark or service mark;
	3. Identify any United States registration issued for the trademark(s) or service mark(s); and
	4. Identify any trademark(s) or service mark(s) currently involved in litigation.

**Response:**

1. **Copyright – Original works of authorship (*e.g.*, literary, musical, dramatic, pictorial, architectural, *etc.*)**
2. Please summarize the original work(s)
3. Please describe the significance of the work(s)
4. Please describe the economic and/or societal impact of the work(s)
5. For each work, please
	1. Identify the author;
	2. Identify the owner;
	3. Identify any United States copyright registrations; and
	4. Identify any pending litigation relating to the work.

**Response:**