



CARL LEVIN AWARD FOR EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT

2021-22

The Levin Center at Wayne Law is pleased to announce it is seeking nominations for the third Carl Levin Award for Effective Oversight to be given to one or more U.S. legislators at the national, state, or local level who have demonstrated an extraordinary effort to conduct fact-based, bipartisan oversight.

A central goal of the Levin Center at Wayne Law is to advance the development of effective oversight by legislative bodies. This award is established to promote such oversight and to recognize those legislators who conduct it. Too often oversight is marred by politically or ideologically driven conduct that damages public confidence in government, diminishes legislative comity, distorts public policy, and wastes taxpayer dollars. When conducted well, on a bipartisan basis, with a commitment to finding the facts and uncovering the truth, oversight fulfills the checks and balances envisioned by our Constitution, fosters bipartisan legislative relationships, builds public trust in legislatures, and improves public policy and government programs.

The Carl Levin Award for Effective Oversight will be presented to an individual(s) who serves or has served in a legislative body in the United States and who has led or played a central role in an oversight investigation conducted on a bipartisan basis with a dedication to fact-finding. Nominations for 2021-22 may be made by November 1 by [completing the nomination form on the Levin Center at Wayne Law web site](#).

Past recipients have included: South Carolina State Representative Weston Newton; U.S. Senator from North Carolina, Richard Burr; and U.S. Senator from Virginia, Mark Warner. You can see the details on those awards [by clicking here](#).

To be selected for the Carl Levin Award for Effective Oversight, a candidate must meet and the nomination must address the following criteria:

- The candidate must be or have been a member of a legislative body at the national, state, tribal, or local level and must have played a central role in the conduct of an oversight investigation by such legislative body.
- The oversight investigation must have been conducted on a bipartisan basis and the candidate must have played a significant role in ensuring the bipartisan nature of the investigation.
- The oversight investigation must have been focused on obtaining the facts underlying the subject of the investigation, and the candidate must have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to that effort.
- The candidate must have provided recognized and significant leadership in the conduct and achievement of the investigation.
- The candidate must have exhibited a high degree of integrity and a commitment to legislative comity and civility.



The Levin Center at Wayne Law was formed in 2015 to honor former Senator Carl Levin (D- MI) and his 36 years of public service in the U.S. Senate, in particular his commitment to bipartisan, fact-based, in-depth oversight investigations. The center is housed at Wayne State University Law School and is overseen by a bipartisan board of national and Michigan political, legal, and business leaders, including former U.S. Sens Tom Daschle; Jay Rockefeller; and Olympia J. Snowe. The center is located in Levin’s hometown of Detroit, Michigan and has a Washington, D.C. office. In addition to its focus on oversight, the center sponsors a number of other activities, including conferences, research, academic courses and internships, to promote good governance and civil discourse and to ensure public and private institutions operate with integrity, transparency and accountability.

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