

# Amee VanTassell Young Lawyer Award

Amee C. VanTassell was a gifted, young lawyer who started her career in 2006 as an associate with the Poughkeepsie, New York firm of VanDewater & VanDeWater. On November 29, 2010, she realized her professional goal of serving as a principal court attorney when she began working for the Hon. James D. Pagonos, Surrogate and Acting Justice of the Supreme Court. Whether practicing law or serving as a law clerk, Amee was recognized by our legal community for her integrity, good judgment, sense of humor, communication, research, analytical and writing skills. Sadly, Amee passed away unexpectedly at the age of 36 on April 1, 2013, four days following the birth of her first child, a daughter, Rowen Emily VanTassell. The purpose of the award created in her name is not only to perpetuate her memory, but to inspire our young lawyers to emulate those qualities manifested in Amee's character. Nominees character should encompass a balance of the following criteria: Admitted 10 years or less, member of the Dutchess County Bar Association, peer recognition of civility and professionalism, service to the Bar and the community, as well as a commitment to Pro Bono service. The award will be presented at the June 2024 DCBA Awards Luncheon. **If you wish to nominate someone, please complete the form below and return to the DCBA Office, along with two letters of support (one letter may be from the nominator) and the resume of the nominee, by April 30, 2025.**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Admission to the Bar: \_\_\_\_\_

Bar Association Memberships; \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding Contributions to the Bar: \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Pro Bono Commitments: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_