Carle Whitehead Memorial Award

Carle Whitehead, an attorney and tireless worker in the cause of civil liberties, helped found the ACLU of Colorado in 1952. In 1954, he was presented with a plaque by friends upon which was engraved, “From the American Civil Liberties Union to Carle Whitehead in recognition for 50 years of unswerving devotion to the cause of human justice.” Beneath that was a thought from Justice Learned Hand: “While Liberty lies in the hearts of men, it needs no constitutions, no law, no courts to save it.” Since 1955, the Carle Whitehead Memorial Award has been awarded by the ACLU Foundation to Coloradans whose lives reflect the philosophy of its first recipient.

1954 Carle Whitehead  
1955 Theodore J. Clark  
1956 Dean Paul Roberts  
1957 Palmer Hoyt  
1958 Robert Allen  
1959 Representative George Brown  
1960 U.S. Congressman Byron Johnson  
1961 Roscoe Fleming  
1962 Quigg Newton  
1963 Harold V. Knight  
1964 Sam Menin  
1965 Mary McLucas  
1966 Houston Waring  
1967 Edward H. Sherman  
1968 William F. Reynard  
1969 Gene Cervi  
1970 Dr. Dane Prugh  
1971 Judge Ted Rubin  
1972 Magdelano Avila  
1973 William Roger Nelson  
1974 Richard Henry  
1975 Katherine Schomp  
1976 Edwin S. Kahn  
1977 Barbara Coopersmith  
1978 James Reynolds  
1979 Father Jose Lara  
1980 Senator Regis F. Groff  
1981 U.S. Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder  
1982 Dr. Doris Webster Havice  
1983 (No Dinner Held)  
1984 Minoru Yasui  
1985 Rachel Noel and Martha Radetsky  
1986 Jim Oleson  
1987 Gwen Thomas  
1988 Walter Rosenberry, III  
1989 (No Dinner Held)  
1990 Walter Gerash  
1991 Rabbi Steven Foster  
1992 U.S. Senator Tim Wirth  
1993 Jean E. Dubofsky  
1994 Senator Penfield Tate  
1995 Joyce Meskis  
1996 Mayor Wellington Webb  
1997 Tim Gill  
1998 U.S. Congressman David Skaggs  
1999 Sylvia M. Clark  
2000 Bill Hosakowa  
2001 Jerome Page  
2002 50th Anniversary Celebration  
2003 Jaren Ducker  
2004 Ellen Anderman & Jim Donaldson  
2005 Wilma M. Taylor  
2006 Rev. Dr. James D. Peters, Jr.  
2007 Jonathan D. Asher  
2008 Lucía Guzmán  
2009 U.S. Representative Diana DeGette  
2011 State Senator Pat Steadman  
2012 Mark Silverstein (Staff Leader of the Decade) and Rehan Hasan (Volunteer Leader of the Decade)  
2013 Claire Levy  
2014 Dr. Vincent Harding  
2015 Senator Mark Udall  
2016 John Parvensky  
2017 Harold Fields  
2018 Amy Robertson and Tim Fox  
2019 Carrie Ann Lucas
Ralph L. Carr Award
The Carr Award recognizes an individual, firm, group, or organization that has devoted significant time and resources to an important contemporary issue. Former governor of Colorado, Ralph L. Carr stood against the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

2006 Lisa Duran
2008 Representative Alice Madden and Senator Jennifer Veiga
2011 State Senator Morgan Carroll
2013 Kevin Williams
2015 Nita Gonzales
2016 Senator Jessie Ulibarri
2017 Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN)
2018 Alex Landau
2019 The Honorable Joseph A. Salazar

Edward Sherman Award
The Edward Sherman Award is not awarded annually, but rather at such times as the ACLU Foundation Board of Directors finds it appropriate to recognize outstanding legal work on behalf of furthering civil liberties in Colorado. The Sherman Award is presented to attorneys who exhibit the same belief in justice for all and who, like Eddie Sherman, have shown spirit and heart in their generous gifts of time and talent to the work of the ACLU of Colorado.

1990 Judd Golden
1995 David H. Miller
1997 Alan Chen and Roberto Corrada
1999 Ed Ramey
2000 Bruce Sattler
2003 Lino Lipinsky
2005 Mary Hoagland and Don Hoagland
2008 Maria Liu and David Wymore
2009 Christopher P. Beall and Steven D. Zansberg
2011 Diane S. King and Paula Greisen
2013 Kevin Paul
2014 Laura Rovner
2016 Gail Johnson

Martha Radetsky Award
The Martha Radetsky Award is named for a former ACLU of Colorado board member who dedicated her life to racial justice and civil liberties. This award is presented to those special people who have given years of exceptional service to the ACLU of Colorado and the cause of civil liberties. The recipients of this award often demonstrate their dedication to civil liberties through other organizations and activities in addition to their outstanding efforts for the ACLU. Presentation of the Martha Radetsky award gives us a chance to thank the people who have made this organization so successful. This coveted award is not awarded annually, but rather at such times as the ACLU Foundation Board of Directors finds it appropriate to recognize outstanding dedication.

1996 Greg Eurich
2000 Martha Sattler
2006 Arlette Baer
2014 Bob Connelly

Larry Tajiri Media Award
The Larry Tajiri Media Award is named for the late Larry Tajiri, a former Denver Post columnist, staunch First Amendment supporter, and writer and editor for Pacific Citizen, an internment camp newspaper for Japanese Americans. This coveted award is not awarded annually, but rather at such times as the ACLU Foundation Board of Directors finds it appropriate to recognize outstanding media work on behalf of furthering civil liberties in Colorado.

Larry Tajiri, Ed Stein, Gene Amole
1997 KBDI Channel 12
1998 Dani Newsum
2001 Reggie Rivers
2007 Michael E. Keefe
2008 Maria Liu and David Wymore
2009 Christopher P. Beall and Steven D. Zansberg
2011 Diane S. King and Paula Greisen
2013 Kevin Paul
2014 Laura Rovner
2016 Gail Johnson
2017 Susan Greene
2018 Chuck Plunkett and Dave Krieger
2019 The Durango Herald