

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	1991	Rabbi Steven Foster
1955	Theodore J. Clark	1992	U.S. Senator Tim Wirth
1956	Dean Paul Roberts	1993	Jean E. Dubofsky
1957	Palmer Hoyt	1994	Senator Penfield Tate
1958	Robert Allen	1995	Joyce Meskis
1959	Representative George Brown	1996	Mayor Wellington Webb
1960	U.S. Congressman Byron Johnson	1997	Tim Gill
1961	Roscoe Fleming	1998	U.S. Congressman David Skaggs
1962	Quigg Newton	1999	Sylvia M. Clark
1963	Harold V. Knight	2000	Bill Hosakowa
1964	Sam Menin	2001	Jerome Page
1965	Mary McLucas	2002	50 th Anniversary Celebration
1966	Houston Waring	2003	Jaren Ducker
1967	Edward H. Sherman	2004	Ellen Anderman & Jim Donaldson
1968	William F. Reynard	2005	Wilma M. Taylor
1969	Gene Cervi	2006	Rev. Dr. James D. Peters, Jr.
1970	Dr. Dane Prugh	2007	Jonathan D. Asher
1971	Judge Ted Rubin	2008	Lucía Guzmán
1972	Magdelano Avila	2009	U.S. Representative Diana DeGette
1973	William Roger Nelson	2010	Scott Barker, Bill Murane, Trip Mackintosh & Jon Bender - John Holland, Anna Holland-Edwards & Erica Grossman of the Law Offices of John Holland - Darold Killmer, Mari Newman & David Lane of Killmer, Lane & Newman, LLP
1974	Richard Henry	2011	State Senator Pat Steadman
1975	Katherine Schomp	2012	Mark Silverstein (Staff Leader of the Decade) and Rehan Hasan (Volunteer Leader of the Decade)
1976	Edwin S. Kahn	2013	Claire Levy
1977	Barbara Coopersmith	2014	Dr. Vincent Harding
1978	James Reynolds	2015	Senator Mark Udall
1979	Father Jose Lara	2016	John Parvensky
1980	Senator Regis F. Groff	2017	Harold Fields
1981	U.S. Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder	2018	Amy Robertson and Tim Fox
1982	Dr. Doris Webster Havice	2019	Carrie Ann Lucas
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		

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

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

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	2007	Michael E. Keefe	
1997	KBDI Channel 12	2017	Susan Greene
1998	Dani Newsum	2018	Chuck Plunkett and Dave Krieger
2001	Reggie Rivers	2019	The Durango Herald