

# The Grunin Prize 2020

Lawyers play a critical role in designing, implementing, and advancing models by which economic and social activity is conducted globally. The Grunin Center awards its annual Grunin Prize for Law and Social Entrepreneurship to recognize lawyers' participation in the ways in which business is increasingly advancing the goals of sustainability and human development.

The Grunin Prize aims to reward the innovation, replicability and/or scalability, and potential impact of projects and solutions developed by lawyers to advance the fields of social entrepreneurship and impact investing.

The 2020 Grunin Prize will be awarded at a special ceremony on June 2, 2020 in New York City. This ceremony will take place as part of the annual IILWG/Grunin Center conference, "Legal Issues in Social Entrepreneurship and Impact Investing—in the US and Beyond," at NYU School of Law.

#### **Why apply for the Grunin Prize?**

Grunin Prize finalists receive recognition from a global community of lawyers, academics, policymakers, and other impact professionals. Finalists are invited to participate in the annual IILWG/Grunin Center conference to showcase their

projects in front of over 400 conference attendees.

Past finalists and winners have also received media exposure.

Learn more about the Grunin Prize and apply now at <http://www.law.nyu.edu/centers/grunin-social-entrepreneurship/grunin-prize>.

**Complete your submissions by January 31, 2020.**



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## Eligibility Criteria

The Grunin Prize is open to individual lawyers or legal teams from across the globe. Practitioners, legal educators, policymakers, in-house counsel, and other legal teams that develop an innovative social enterprise or impact investment solution using existing law, legal education, or new legal structures are eligible to apply.

The Grunin Prize will recognize inputs, such as new uses of old laws or reframing of the conceptual framework surrounding the law, and outputs, such as the development of a new legal structure or organizational design.

The nominated project must be completed or implemented on or before December 31, 2019. Only projects that have been completed or implemented within the past two years will be considered.

Examples of the types of legal projects that may be submitted for consideration include: innovative financing, contracting or entity structure, enacted legislation or adopted model laws, or design of new legal courses or tools.

## Nominations

To apply for the Grunin Prize or to nominate another party's project, please complete the Grunin Prize submission form located at <http://www.law.nyu.edu/centers/grunin-social-entrepreneurship/grunin-prize>.

Applicants and nominators can submit more than one project for consideration. A separate submission form must be completed for each project.

Applicants and nominators are welcome to resubmit a previously nominated project that did not receive the Grunin Prize.

If nominating another party's project, nominators must coordinate with nominees to ensure all required information is provided in the submission form.

Supplemental materials will not be accepted. However, as needed, applicants may be asked to provide additional information for consideration by the judging panel.

Once notified, finalists will be expected to (i) participate in an interview with the judging panel on June 1, 2020 and (ii) liaise with the Grunin Center to coordinate a communications plan and develop a Grunin Prize video.

## Judging Panel

The screening panel will be composed of an internal prize committee that will select the finalists.

The final judging panel will be composed of NYU Law representatives and industry experts who will select the Grunin Prize winner based on the submission materials, references, and a final interview.

The 2020 judging panel:

**Navjeet Bal**, Managing Director and General Counsel, Social Finance

**Deborah K. Burand**, Associate Professor of Clinical Law and Faculty Co-Director of the Grunin Center for Law and Social Entrepreneurship, NYU Law

**Ed Diener**, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, King Philanthropies

**Jay Grunin**, Co-Founder and Chairman, Jay & Linda Grunin Foundation

**Ginger Lew**, Managing Director, Cube Hydro Partners LLC

**Trevor Morrison**, Dean and Eric M. and Laurie B. Roth Professor of Law, NYU Law

**Helen Scott**, Professor of Law and Faculty Co-Director of the Grunin Center for Law and Social Entrepreneurship, NYU Law

## Timeline

**January 31, 2020**

INITIAL SUBMISSIONS  
MUST BE RECEIVED.

**April 30, 2020**

FINALISTS WILL  
BE ANNOUNCED.

**June 1, 2020**

FINALISTS WILL MEET WITH  
THE JUDGING PANEL.

**June 2, 2020**

THE PRIZE WILL  
BE AWARDED.