



DRI Annual Professional Achievement and Service Awards

■ NOMINATIONS DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2020 ■

DRI'S ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND SERVICE AWARDS

Celebrate and honor outstanding performance by state and local defense organizations (SLDOs), DRI law firms and individual members.

These awards identify your peers who deserve recognition either for their professional contributions to, and achievements on behalf of, the defense bar and the civil justice system or their involvement in community and public service activities that have a positive impact on society at large.

Recognition enhances members' personal growth and accomplishments, provides us all with role models and strengthens members' images in the legal and business communities and with the general public. Please read this nomination brochure and honor your organization and members with a nomination. We encourage you to submit an entry for each award.

Winners will be announced at the Celebration of Leadership on Friday, October 23, held in conjunction with the 2020 DRI Summit in Washington, DC from October 21-24. Tickets to the Celebration of Leadership are \$100 each. Please purchase tickets when you register for the Summit. In addition, DRI will recognize award recipients in *For The Defense* and through press releases to national and local media.

G. DUFFIELD SMITH OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018

Toni L. Frain
Boston, Massachusetts
Matthew J. Lavisky
Tampa, Florida

2017

Gary L. Johnson
Salt Lake City, UT

2016

Sean C. Griffin
Washington, D.C.

2015

John G. Browning
Dallas, Texas
Laurie K. Miller
Charleston, West Virginia

2014

Michael P. Bruyere
Atlanta, Georgia
Scott Rees
Norcross, Georgia

2013

David C. Marshall
Columbia, South Carolina

2012

Max C.R. Heerman
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Andrew Tauber
Brian Wong
Washington, D.C.

2011

Shana A. O'Grady
Wheaton, Illinois

2010

Loren H. Brown
Christopher G. Campbell
Daniel J. Cooper
New York, New York

2009

Kerry P. McInerney
Birmingham, Alabama

2008

Heather K. Kelly
Denver, Colorado
Jonathan Allan Klein
Annmarie M. Liermann
San Francisco, California
James M. Meseck
Denver, Colorado

2007

J. Mark Coulson
Baltimore, Maryland

2006

Sidney K. Kanazawa
Los Angeles, California

2005

Michael F. Aylward
Boston, Massachusetts

2004

Scott P. Stolley
Dallas, Texas

2003

Bradley D. Honnold
Kansas City, Missouri

2002

Kenneth Ross
Minnetonka, Minnesota

2001

Craig A. Livingston
Walnut Creek, California

2000

Christine A. Hogan
Bismarck, North Dakota

1999

Alfred W. Cortese, Jr.
Phillip A. Wittmann
New Orleans, Louisiana

1998

Forrest S. Latta
Mobile, Alabama

1997

William H. Hardie, Jr.
Mobile, Alabama

1996

Kevin M. Reynolds
Richard J. Kirschman
Des Moines, Iowa

1995

Carol Campbell Cure
Phoenix, Arizona

1994

William T. Birmingham
Charles D. Onofry
Phoenix, Arizona

1993

Paul D. Coates
Greensboro, North Carolina

1992

Martha A. Churchill
Chicago, Illinois

1991

Georgia A. Staton
Angela K. Sinner
Phoenix, Arizona

1990

Donald Patterson
Topeka, Kansas

1989

Brooke Wunnicke
Denver, Colorado

CRITERIA

The nominee must be the author of a feature article in *For The Defense* or *In-House Defense Quarterly*. The subject matter of the article should be of current relevancy to the practice interests of DRI members, containing fresh and imaginative ideas, be well researched, and presented in a lively writing style.

SELECTION PROCESS

The pool of articles up for consideration comes from the previous year's publications. The Editor-in-Chief of *For The Defense* and *In-House Defense Quarterly* and the Executive Department considers the following factors: relevancy of subject matter to the interests of DRI members; current importance of the topic; fresh, imaginative ideas from the author; depth and quality of research; organization of material; writing ability; interesting writing style; and feedback from the readership. Some consideration is also given to each author's level of activity within DRI; virtually all of the nominated authors are individual members of DRI. Typically, between six and eight articles are nominated. Complete copies of the nominated articles, along with brief summaries, are presented to the DRI Officers on or around July 1 for selection of the award recipient.

Recommendations for nominees are welcome and may be submitted to Jay Ludlam, DRI Editor-in-Chief, at jludlam@dri.org.

FRED H. SIEVERT AWARD

RECOGNIZING AN OUTSTANDING DEFENSE BAR LEADER

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018

Anthony W. Livoti
South Carolina

2017

Jeanne F. Loftis
Oregon

2016

R. Mark Mifflin
Illinois

2015

Andrew S. Bolin
Florida

2014

Amanda M. Good
Wyoming

2013

Bradford D. Box
Tennessee

2012

Lynn M. Roberson
Georgia

2011

Keith B. O'Connell
Texas

2010

Bonnie J. Refinski-Knight
North Carolina

2009

John T. Lay, Jr.
South Carolina

2008

Robert H.S. Schaffer
Michigan

2007

Robert W. Shively
Nebraska

2006

Christopher A. Kenney
Massachusetts

2005

David E. Chamberlain
Texas

2004

Sharon Soorholtz Greer
Iowa

2003

Stephen R. Pennell
Indiana

2002

Katherine S. Kerby
Mississippi

2001

Linda Stephens
North Carolina

2000

Thomas J. Welk
South Dakota

1999

John C. Trimble
Indiana

1998

Thomas C. Riney
Texas

1997

Joseph J. Joyce
Utah

1996

Robert C. Riter, Jr.
South Dakota

1995

Eugene Tierney
Ohio

1994

Daniel R. Formeller
Illinois

1993

Mary K. Wolverton
Wisconsin

1992

H. Daniel Vogel
North Dakota

1991

Paul L. Price
Illinois

1990

James W. Mohr, Jr.
Wisconsin

1989

Peter J. Hoffman
Pennsylvania

1988

J. Robert Sheehy
Texas

CRITERIA

The nominee should be an individual who has made a significant contribution towards achieving the goals and objectives of the organized defense bar.

ELIGIBILITY

The nominee must be the current or past president of a SLDO, who has initiated innovative projects for the betterment of the organization and exercised strong leadership.

SELECTION PROCESS

No formal entry forms are required. Rather, DRI asks that all entries be accompanied by whatever material your association feels will best support the nominee.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Entries for the Fred H. Sievert Award should be forwarded to:

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RUDOLPH A. JANATA AWARD

RECOGNIZING AN OUTSTANDING DEFENSE BAR ASSOCIATION

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018

North Carolina Association
of Defense Attorneys

2017

Tennessee Defense
Lawyers Association

2016

Wisconsin Defense
Counsel

2015

Washington Defense Trial
Lawyers

2014

Minnesota Defense
Lawyers Association

2013

Kentucky Defense Counsel

2012

Massachusetts Defense
Lawyers Association

2011

Georgia Defense Lawyers
Association

2010

Pennsylvania Defense
Institute

2009

Mississippi Defense
Lawyers Association

2008

Defense Counsel of
Rhode Island

2007

Canadian Defence
Lawyers

2006

Maryland Defense
Counsel Inc.

2005

New Mexico Defense
Lawyers Association

2004

Alabama Defense Lawyers
Association

2003

Minnesota Defense
Lawyers Association

2002

Defense Trial Counsel of
West Virginia

North Carolina Association
of Defense Attorneys

2001

Colorado Defense
Lawyers Association

2000

South Carolina Defense
Trial Attorneys Association

1999

Illinois Association of
Defense Trial Counsel

1998

Virginia Association of
Defense Attorneys

1997

Louisiana Association of
Defense Counsel

1996

Defense Trial Counsel of
Indiana

1995

Texas Association of
Defense Counsel

1994

Florida Defense Lawyers
Association

1993

Missouri Organization of
Defense Lawyers

1992

Iowa Association of
Defense Counsel

1991

Philadelphia Association of
Defense Counsel

1990

Oregon Association of
Defense Counsel

1989

Washington Defense Trial
Lawyers

1988

Ohio Association of Civil
Trial Attorneys

CRITERIA

The nominee should be a SLDO that has undertaken an innovative or unique program contributing to the goals and objectives of the organized defense bar.

ELIGIBILITY

All SLDOs are eligible.

SELECTION PROCESS

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SELECTION PROCEDURE

Entries for the Rudolph A. Janata Award should be forwarded to:

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DRI SLDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019

Jane L. Brown
Mississippi Defense
Lawyers Association

2018

Kathi C. McKeown
Kentucky Defense
Counsel

2017

Maggie S. Sweeney
Washington Defense Trial
Lawyers

2016

Jennifer M. Davis
Georgia Defense Lawyers
Association

2015

Peggy L. Schultz
Defense Lawyers
Association of Wyoming

CRITERIA

The nominee shall be a current DRI State or Local Defense Organization (“SLDO”) Executive Director who best fosters a relationship between their SLDO and DRI, and who has otherwise demonstrated exceptional service to the cause of the defense bar and their SLDO.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Formal nomination forms are not required. Rather, DRI asks that all entries are accompanied by whatever material the nominator feels will best support the nominee.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Nominations must come from a current DRI member or a DRI SLDO Executive Director and submitted to DRI by July 1.

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The DRI Executive Committee shall select the award recipient.

PRESENTATION

The award shall be presented during the DRI Summit in those years a qualified candidate is selected.

VETERANS NETWORK MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019

David M. Davis
Texas

2018

W. Douglas Berry
Florida

2017

Dan K. Worthington
Texas

2016

John V. Garaffa
Florida

2015

Edward P. Perdue
Michigan

CRITERIA

The nominee must be a DRI member, who has served honorably in peacetime or wartime as a member of the United States Armed Forces or the United States Coast Guard and has distinguished himself or herself by providing exemplary and outstanding service to other veterans, their country, state, community, foreign jurisdiction or the legal profession.

ELIGIBILITY

The nominee must be a member of DRI.

SELECTION PROCESS

No formal entry forms are required. Rather, DRI asks that all entries be accompanied by whatever material the nominator feels will best support the nominee.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Nominations shall be submitted to the DRI Executive Committee by July 1.

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PRESENTATION

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LOUIS B. POTTER LIFETIME PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018

Steven M. Puiszis
Illinois

2017

William R. Sampson
Missouri

2016

Thomas F. Segalla
New York

2015

Robert E. Scott, Jr.
Maryland

2014

John H. Martin
Texas

2013

Stephen G. Morrison
South Carolina

2012

Douglas G. Houser
Oregon

2011

Chrys A. Martin
Oregon

2010

James W. Morris III
Virginia

2009

Richard T. Boyette
North Carolina

2008

Burton J. Johnson
Oklahoma

2007

Edward W. Mullins, Jr.
South Carolina

2006

Lloyd H. Milliken, Jr.
Indiana

2005

Robert S. Krause
Michigan

2004

Donald F. Pierce
Alabama

2003

Albert H. Parnell
Georgia

2002

Hugh E. Reynolds, Jr.
Indiana

2001

Samuel S. Woodley
North Carolina

2000

E. Wayne Taff
Missouri

1999

Ollie L. Blan, Jr.
Alabama

1998

Brooke Wunnicke
Colorado

1997

James A. Dixon, Jr.
Florida

1996

Donald Patterson
Kansas

CRITERIA

The nominee should exemplify both professional service and professionalism, with professionalism defined as follows:

“Professionalism goes beyond observance of the legal profession’s ethical rules and serves the best interests of clients and the public in general.

Professionalism requires that lawyers conduct themselves before the Court and with opposing counsel in a manner which demonstrates respect for the law and preserves decorum and integrity of the judicial process. It preserves and enhances the image of the legal profession in the eyes of the public. It supports programs and activities to educate the public about the law and the American legal system and it fosters respect and trust among lawyers.”

ELIGIBILITY

The nominee must be a member of DRI.

SELECTION PROCESS

No formal entry forms are required. Rather, DRI asks that all entries be accompanied by whatever material the nominator feels will best support the nominee.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Entries for the Louis B. Potter Lifetime Professional Service Award should be sent to:

Philip L. Willman
Brown & James PC
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Saint Louis, MO 63101
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With a copy to:

Dean Martinez, Chief Executive Officer
DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*
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Chicago, IL 60606
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DRI LIFETIME COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018

Moheeb H. Murray
Michigan

2017

James O. Craven
Connecticut

2016

Laurie K. Miller
West Virginia

2015

Elizabeth H. Huntley
Alabama

2014

Robert A. Shields
California

2013

Plunkett Cooney PC

2012

Carter E. Strang
Ohio

2011

Alison Y. Ashe-Card
North Carolina

2010

Joseph M. Hanna
New York

2009

Todd A. Rowden
Illinois

2008

David M. Davis
Texas

2007

Robert B. "Chip" Delano, Jr.
Virginia

2006

Jefferey G. Frank
Washington

2005

James F. Rosner
Maryland

2004

Patrick J. Sweeney
Pennsylvania

2003

Ronald R. Robinson
California

2002

J. Denny Shupe
Pennsylvania

2001

R. Matthew Cairns
New Hampshire

2000

George H. Mitchell
Arizona

1999

Douglas G. Houser
Oregon

1998

William T. Birmingham
Arizona

1997

J. Robert Sheehy
Texas

CRITERIA

The nominee should now be, or has been, involved in community and/or public service activities that demonstrate his or her active and outstanding commitment to improving the social and/or cultural well-being of the general public by initiating—or participating in—programs that tend to have a positive impact on a segment of his or her community and/or the general public.

She/he can be cited either for a particular activity or a service over an extended period of recent origin or past service.

ELIGIBILITY

The nominee must be a member of DRI.

SELECTION PROCESS

No formal entry forms are required. Rather, DRI asks that all entries be accompanied by whatever material the nominator feels will best support the nominee.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Entries for the DRI Lifetime Community Service Award should be sent to:

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RICHARD H. KROCHOCK AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018

John C. Trimble
Indiana

2017

Kelly Jones Howell
New York

2016

Todd S. Manuel
Louisiana

2015

Douglas K. Burrell
Georgia

2014

R. Craig Mayfield
Florida

2013

Laurie K. Miller
West Virginia

2012

Mary "Re" Knack
Washington

2011

Todd Presnell
Tennessee

2010

Anne M. Talcott
Oregon

2009

Patrick J. Sweeney
Pennsylvania

2008

Linda M. Lawson
California

2007

Kimberly D. Baker
Washington

2006

Kathy J. Maus
Florida

2005

Sheryl J. Willert
Washington

2004

Laura E. Proctor
Tennessee

2003

Charles A. Stewart III
Alabama

2002

Randall R. Riggs
Indiana

2001

Kelly A. Freeman
Michigan

2000

E. Wayne Taff
Missouri

CRITERIA

The nominee shall be a member of DRI, who has:

- 1) Provided exemplary leadership to the DRI Young Lawyers Committee through sponsorship or participation in its programs and activities;
- 2) Who has provided guidance, support, and service as a mentor to the members of the YLC; and
- 3) Who has promoted those qualities which enhance the image of the civil defense trial lawyer to the public.

SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations for this award shall be made by the Young Lawyers Committee Long Range Planning Subcommittee which is comprised of those members of the YLC that have previously chaired a subcommittee of the YLC and remain eligible for YLC membership (admitted to practice ten years or less). The YLC Long Range Planning Subcommittee shall meet to consider nominees for this award immediately following the annual mid-year meeting of the Young Lawyers Steering Committee. Immediately thereafter the name or names of not less than one nominee and not more than three nominees shall be submitted to the DRI Executive Committee who shall select the recipient of the award to be presented at the 2020 DRI Summit.

TOM SEGALLA EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019

Lee Craig
Florida

2018

John J. "Jack" Laffey
Wisconsin

2017

Francisco Ramos, Jr.
Florida

2016

Scott Burnett Smith
Alabama

2015

Rina Carmel
California

2014

Lise T. Spacapan
Illinois

CRITERIA

The nominee must be a current individual member of DRI, whose contributions through legal scholarship exemplify the highest educational standards of the organization and further its mission of improving the skills of the defense practitioner.

SELECTION PROCESS

On or before July 1 of each year the President-Elect, who has oversight responsibility for educational programs, and the Law Institute Chair together shall confer and nominate a minimum of three and a maximum of five candidates who will be submitted with appropriate reasons to the Executive Committee for selection of the award recipient.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Entries for the Tom Segalla Excellence in Education Award should be sent to:

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DAVIS CARR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018

Baxter D. Drennon
Young Lawyers Committee

2017

Diana M. Gerstberger
Construction Law Committee

2016

James E. Robinson
Aviation Law Committee

Casey C. Stansbury
Governmental Liability
Committee

2015

Jennifer Anderson Hoffman
Retail and Hospitality
Committee

2014

Lana Alcorn Olson
Women in the Law Committee

2013

Michael M. Marick
Insurance Law Committee

2012

Douglas K. Burrell
Diversity and Inclusion
Committee

2011

Mark A. Fahleson
Employment and Labor Law
Committee

2010

Vickie L. Henry
Commercial Litigation
Committee

2009

Lee Craig
Insurance Law Committee

2008

Kelly A. Freeman
Corporate Counsel Committee

2007

Simeon D. Rapoport
Life, Health and Disability
Committee

2006

Robert W. Hesselbacher, Jr.
Professional Liability
Committee

2005

Jay Barry Harris
Trucking Law Committee

2004

Henry M. Sneath
Commercial Litigation
Committee

2003

Linda M. Lawson
Life, Health and Disability
Committee

2002

Thomas A. Packer
Medical Liability Committee

2001

Michael F. Aylward
Insurance Law Committee

2000

Steve Gerber
Employment and Labor Law
Committee

CRITERIA

The nominee must be a current or immediate past DRI Committee Chair:

- 1) Whose committee has achieved committee goals, including presenting successful seminars and producing high-quality publications;
- 2) Who has increased committee membership;
- 3) Who has motivated membership participation, including participation by minorities;
- 4) Who has created and implemented new projects; and
- 5) Who has filled all required committee leadership positions.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

On or before July 1 of each year the First Vice President, who has oversight responsibility for committees, and the Director of Committees and Education together shall confer and nominate a minimum of three and a maximum of five candidates who will be submitted with appropriate reasons to the Executive Committee for selection of the award recipient.

KEVIN DRISKILL OUTSTANDING STATE REPRESENTATIVE AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018

Beth A. Lochmiller
Kentucky

2017

Robert J. Chomiak, Jr.
Connecticut

2016

Glenn M. Holley
California

2015

Michael J. "Sam" Sandmire
Oregon

2014

F. James Robinson, Jr.
Kansas

2013

Edward M. "Bubba" Hughes
Georgia

2012

Emily G. Coughlin
Massachusetts

2011

Mark J. Neal
Louisiana

2010

Thomas J. Maroney
New York

2009

Christopher A. Kenney
Massachusetts

2008

Peter J. Hersha
Ohio

2007

Leland "Lee" H. Ayres
Louisiana

2006

Mary Ann Dempsey
New Hampshire

2005

Michael S. Ryan
Minnesota

2004

David M. Davis
Texas

2003

William S. Davies, Jr.
South Carolina

2002

James E. Lozier
Michigan

2001

Douglas M. McIntosh
Florida

2000

F. Drake Lee, Jr.
Louisiana

CRITERIA

The nominee must be a current or immediate past DRI State Representative who has:

- 1) Made significant contributions toward promoting DRI membership within his/her state;
- 2) Been instrumental in implementing a significant, unique program to foster the relationship between DRI and the SLDO to enhance DRI's stature; and/or
- 3) Enhanced the public's view of the role of the defense lawyer in the broader society.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

On or before July 1 of each year the Second Vice President, who has responsibility for membership development, and the Director of Member and SLDO Services together shall confer and nominate a minimum of three and a maximum of five candidates who will be submitted with appropriate reasons to the Executive Committee for selection of the award recipient.

LAW FIRM DIVERSITY AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019

Bowman and Brooke LLP

2018

Not Presented

2017

Tucker Ellis LLP

2016

Thompson Hine LLP

2015

Beveridge & Diamond PC

2014

Wood Smith Henning &
Berman LLP

2013

Gallivan White & Boyd PA

2012

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

2011

Venable LLP

2010

Lewis Wagner LLP

2009

Womble Carlyle
Sandridge & Rice PLLC

2008

Bowman and Brooke LLP

2007

Abbott Simses & Kuchler

2006

Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP

2005

Gordon & Rees LLP

2004

Thelen Reid & Priest LLP

2003

Holland & Knight LLP

2002

Phelps Dunbar LLP

CRITERIA

The nominee shall be a member of DRI, who has:

- 1) Achieved significant success in the area of law office management while also demonstrating a commitment to increase diversity within and outside of their law firm; and
- 2) Demonstrated a commitment to diversity as evidenced by a formal diversity plan committed to achievement, sensitivity and receptivity of diversity issues, including promotion of its minority and women lawyers.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Nominations for this award should be submitted to:

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Please include the following information:

- 1) Name, Title, Law Firm, Address, Phone, Fax and E-mail of nominee; and
- 2) Nominees must submit their nomination form by July 1, 2020.
Please download the form at www.dri.org or contact Cheryl L. Palombizio at 312.698.6207 or cpalombizio@dri.org for more information.

SLDO DIVERSITY AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019

Virginia Association of
Defense Attorneys

2018

Minnesota Defense
Lawyers Association

2017

Oregon Association of
Defense Counsel

2016

New Mexico Defense
Lawyers Association

2015

Defense Association of
New York

2014

Oklahoma Association of
Defense Counsel

2013

Arizona Association of
Defense Counsel

2012

North Carolina Association
of Defense Attorneys

2011

Ohio Association of Civil
Trial Attorneys

2010

Not presented

2009

Not presented

2008

Maryland Defense
Counsel Inc.

2007

New Jersey Defense
Association

2006

No nomination

2005

North Carolina Association
of Defense Attorneys

2004

Alabama Defense Lawyers
Association

2003

Florida Defense Lawyers
Association

2002

Colorado Defense
Lawyers Association

CRITERIA

The nominee shall be a state or local defense organization that:

- 1) Has achieved significant success in demonstrating a commitment to diversity within and outside of their organization; and
- 2) Demonstrates a commitment to diversity as evidenced by a formal diversity plan committed to achievement, sensitivity and receptivity to diversity issues, including promotion of its minority and women lawyers or volunteers.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

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SHERYL J. WILLERT PIONEER DIVERSITY AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018

Joseph D. Cohen
Texas

2017

Pamela W. Carter
Louisiana

2016

Benjamin F. Wilson
Washington, D.C.

2015

Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Louisiana

2014

Larry D. Smith
Florida

2013

GlaxoSmithKline

2012

Carlos Rincon
Texas

2011

H. Patrick Morris
Illinois

2010

W. Ray Persons
Georgia

2009

Paulette Brown
New Jersey

2008

Victor "Vic" Henderson
Illinois

2007

Sandra L. Phillips
New York

2006

Roderick A. Palmore
Illinois

CRITERIA

This nominee should have demonstrated a high regard for diversity by demonstrating two or more of the following:

- 1) A commitment to the spirit of diversity through its outside counsel panels;
- 2) Behavior which illustrates commitment to inclusion of persons within the institution who are members of traditionally under-represented groups;
- 3) Demonstrated dedication and commitment to advocating diversity in the legal profession through activity that has a visible, tangible, or measurable impact on the perception of, attitude toward, respect for, and treatment of other persons;
- 4) Led the development of contemporary measures to fight discrimination and prejudice in the profession; and
- 5) Fostered diversity initiatives and actively promoted relations among persons of different races, ages, ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientations, religious backgrounds, or physical and mental abilities.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Nominations for this award shall be made by the DRI Diversity Committee, which may solicit nominations from the DRI membership. No later than four months prior to the date of the next DRI Diversity Seminar, the DRI Diversity Committee will submit the name or names of not less than one nominee and not more than three nominees to the DRI Executive Committee which shall select the recipient of the award.

PRESENTATION

The award will be presented during the Diversity for Success Seminar luncheon by the DRI President, or a designee.

ALBERT H. PARNELL OUTSTANDING PROGRAM CHAIR AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019

Stacy Lynne Douglas
Diversity for Success Seminar
and Corporate Expo

2018

Brian K. Brookey
Intellectual Property Litigation
Seminar

2017

Laura D. Eschleman
Medical Liability and Health
Care Law Seminar

2016

Charles W. Browning
Insurance Coverage and
Practice Symposium

2015

Joshua C. Webb
Young Lawyers Seminar

2014

Casey C. Stansbury
Civil Rights and Governmental
Tort Liability Seminar

2013

James W. Kraus
Government Enforcement
and Corporate Compliance
Seminar

2012

Heidi B. Goldstein
Women in the Law Seminar

2011

Asim K. Desai
Insurance Bad Faith and
Extra-Contractual Liability
Seminar

2010

Daniel W. Gerber
Life, Health, Disability and
ERISA Claims Seminar

2009

Albert H. Parnell
Asbestos Medicine Seminar

CRITERIA

The nominee must have been a DRI program chair for a substantive law educational seminar:

- 1) Who, along with the seminar steering committee, created a dynamic educational program that included contemporary and provocative topics in a manner that sustains and enhances DRI's image as the premier provider of defense oriented continuing legal education offerings;
- 2) Who lead and participated in the effective planning, marketing and presentation of the educational program;
- 3) Who displayed leadership, dedication and creativity in seminar development; and
- 4) Whose program met organizational expectations established for his or her seminar.

ELIGIBILITY

The nominee must be a member of DRI and a past or current program chair for a traditional DRI seminar.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Entries for the Albert H. Parnell Outstanding Program Chair Award should be sent to:

Nancy Parz, Senior Director
DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*
222 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1870
Chicago, IL 60606
Fax: 312.252.1124
E-mail: nparz@dri.org

MARY MASSARON AWARD FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019

Lori V. Berke
Arizona

Emily G. Coughlin
Massachusetts

Amy Sherry Fischer
Oklahoma

Elizabeth F. Lorell
New Jersey

2018

Neva Lusk
West Virginia

2017

Amy Mass
Michigan

2016

Sandra L. Corbett
Canada

2015

Melanie D. Margolin
Indiana

2014

Karen R. Glickstein
Missouri

2013

Patricia E. Ratner
Massachusetts

2012

Marillyn Fagan Damelio
Ohio

CRITERIA

This nominee shall be a DRI member who has demonstrated a high regard for diversity by demonstrating two or more of the following:

- 1) A commitment to the spirit of diversity and, in particular, the inclusion of women, through its outside counsel panels;
- 2) Behavior which illustrates commitment to inclusion of women within the institution;
- 3) Demonstrated dedication and commitment to advocating the inclusion and promotion of women in the legal profession through activity that has a visible, tangible, or measurable impact on the perception of, attitude toward, respect for, and treatment of women;
- 4) Leadership in the development of contemporary measures to fight gender discrimination and prejudice in the profession; and
- 5) A commitment to fostering women's initiatives and actively promoting positive mentoring relationships with other women in the legal profession.

ELIGIBILITY

An individual DRI member active and in good standing within the legal profession is eligible for this nomination. The DRI Executive Committee retains the authority to waive the DRI membership requirement at its discretion.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Nominations for this award shall be made by DRI Women in the Law Committee members. No later than four (4) months prior to the date of the next DRI Women in the Law Seminar, the DRI Women in the Law Committee Chair/Vice Chair will present the name or names of not less than one nominee and not more than three nominees, with their recommendation as to which nominee should win the award, to the DRI Executive Committee. The DRI Executive Committee shall select the recipient of the award.

PRESENTATION

The award will be presented during the DRI Women in the Law Seminar luncheon by the DRI President, or a designee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding these awards or the nomination process, please contact: Cheryl L. Palombizio at 312.698.6207 or cpalombizio@dri.org.

DEADLINE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS: JULY 1, 2020

We encourage you to submit entries for each of the awards to be presented.