DRI Annual Professional Achievement and Service Awards

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2018

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 President's Gala on Saturday, October 20, held in conjunction with DRI's Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA from October 17–21, 2018. Tickets to the President's Gala are $100 each. Please purchase tickets when you register for the Annual Meeting. 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

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
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 Director of Publications 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 Director of Publications, at jludlam@dri.org.

FRED H. SIEVERT AWARD

RECOGNIZING AN OUTSTANDING DEFENSE BAR LEADER

PAST RECIPIENTS

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:

Cheryl L. Palombizio, Director of SLDO Relations
DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*
55 West Monroe Street, Suite 2000
Chicago, IL 60603
Fax: 312.252.1156
Email: cpalombizio@dri.org

RUDOLPH A. JANATA AWARD

RECOGNIZING AN OUTSTANDING DEFENSE BAR ASSOCIATION

PAST RECIPIENTS

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

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 Rudolph A. Janata Award should be forwarded to:

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DRI SLDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AWARD

PAST RECIPIENT

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 Annual Meeting in those years a qualified candidate is selected.

VETERANS NETWORK MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

PAST RECIPIENT

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.

Nancy Parz, Senior Director
DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*
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Chicago, IL 60603
Fax: 312.252.1124
E-mail: nparz@dri.org

PRESENTATION

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LOUIS B. POTTER LIFETIME PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

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:

John F. Kuppens
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP
1320 Main Street, 17th Floor
Columbia, SC 29201
E-mail: john.kuppens@nelsonmullins.com

With a copy to:

John R. Kouris, Executive Director
DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*
55 West Monroe Street, Suite 2000
Chicago, IL 60603
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E-mail: johnrkouris@dri.org

DRI LIFETIME COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

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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With a copy to:

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RICHARD H. KROCHOCK AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

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 next DRI Annual Meeting.

TOM SEGALLA EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

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:

Nancy Parz, Senior Director
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Chicago, IL 60603
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E-mail: nparz@dri.org

DAVIS CARR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

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 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;

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 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

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
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 SLDO Relations 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

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;

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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Chicago, IL 60603
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Email: cpalombizio@dri.org

Please include the following information:

1) Name, Title, Law Firm, Address, Phone, Fax and E-mail of nominee;

2) Nominees must submit their nomination form by July 1, 2018. 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

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;

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

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;

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SHERYL J. WILLERT PIONEER DIVERSITY AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

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

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:

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E-mail: nparz@dri.org

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

PAST RECIPIENTS

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, 2018

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