



## Declaration of Candidacy

Candidates for election as Second Vice President or Director Elected Nationally must complete this form and submit it to the Executive Director at the principal headquarters of DRI by 5:00 PM (CDT) on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the election is held.

**National Director Requirements** - Directors Elected Nationally or by Region must be Individual Members of the Corporation admitted to the practice of law. Each such director must meet the following qualifications at the time of election: (a) The candidate shall have been a DRI member for a total of at least five (5) years, and (b) The candidate shall have been a member of at least one DRI substantive law committee for at least three (3) years, and (c) The candidate must have registered for and attended at least one (1) DRI Annual Meeting within the previous three (3) years, and, within the three (3) years prior to the final day of the Annual Meeting, the candidate must have 1) registered for and attended at least two (2) DRI seminars, or 2) registered for and attended one (1) DRI seminar and one (1) DRI Regional Meeting.

Position sought

☐ Second Vice President\*    ☐ Secretary- Treasurer    ☒ National Director

\*If you have declared your candidacy for Second Vice President and are not the successful candidate, will you consider the Secretary - Treasurer Officer position?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

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Born (location) Princeton, NJ

Education: Bowdoin College, BA 1997, George Mason University School of Law, JD 2000

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Awards and achievements: SuperLawyers Rising Star 2013-2015,

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*The Washington* magazine Top Lawyers 2017 "Civil Defense"

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Areas of practice: Medical Malpractice, Health Care, Premises Liability, Complex Litigation

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Years as a defense attorney: 17

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Employment history: Wilson Elser 2006-present (elevated to partner 2011)

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Hudgins Law Firm 2001-2006

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Noteworthy defense work: I obtained a defense verdict for a physician based where the jury found the Plaintiff was contributory negligent, a complete bar to recovery, in DC.

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I obtained a defense verdict for a physician in Maryland based on concept of a jury finding another physician to have been the superseding/intervening cause of a patient's death.

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Professional affiliations: IADC, DC Defense Lawyers Association, Maryland Defense Counsel

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DRI member since: 2011

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Please describe your previous involvement in DRI, including but not limited to, leadership positions held. Projects contributed to, Committee memberships, presentations given, and written materials authored. Special accomplishments should also be noted.

State Representative District of Columbia 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016

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Medical Liability and Health Care Committee: Program Chair 2018, Program Vice-Chair 2017,

Marketing Chair 2015, Sponsorship Chair 2014, Publications Co-Chair 2016

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State Membership Chair 2017-present

SLDO Relationship Committee 2015-2016

Legislation & Rules Committee 2015-2017

2014 Medical Liability and Healthcare Seminar – Speaker Young Lawyers

Breakout – Cross-Examining Expert Witnesses

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List any leadership roles in other defense organizations.

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N/A

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Describe your goals if you are elected to the above position.

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If I am elected to a National Director position, one of my goals includes increasing and maintaining the engagement of younger female attorneys in DRI, SLDOs and in the practice of law. I have observed many young women who have potential to be strong local and national leaders, who decide to turn away from the defense bar, and we lose these young leaders from DRI and SLDOs. Another goal is to increase the engagement of younger lawyers in DRI and SLDOs. I have noticed many associates are unwilling to leave their desks to see the benefits of engaging in DRI. My final goal is to continue the work being done to integrate the SLCs and SLDOs. Many committee members are not members of their SLDOs. It is important for us as leaders in DRI to continue to integrate these two important aspects of the organization. These goals encompass increasing membership as well as engagement of new members.

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What do you believe is the most important issue confronting the defense bar?

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The most important issue confronting the defense bar is the ability to attract and retain quality lawyers and engage them in the practice of law. By engaging, the challenge is twofold: (1) these young lawyers need to get away from their desks

and become involved in organizations like DRI and (2) for their firms to support these efforts of the young lawyers.

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Define the appropriate role for DRI as the national defense bar organization.

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The appropriate role for DRI as the national defense bar organization is to be the leader in education and networking for its members. DRI serves as a critical resource for lawyers to engage with one another to strengthen their practice of law and increase business opportunities.

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Hobbies and/or interests: My hobbies and interests include fitness, following the New York Yankees and New York Giants, spending time with my family, and recently, autism awareness.

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Family: Spouse: David Terranova, Son: Jacob Terranova (age 2)

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