

# NEW dri™ 2019 ANNUAL MEETING ORLEANS



DRI Annual Professional Achievement  
and Service Awards

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## 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 18, held in conjunction with DRI's Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA from October 16–19, 2019. Tickets to the Celebration of Leadership 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

### 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](mailto:jludlam@dri.org).

# FRED H. SIEVERT AWARD

RECOGNIZING AN OUTSTANDING DEFENSE BAR LEADER

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### 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:

Cheryl L. Palombizio, Director of Member and 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](mailto:cpalombizio@dri.org)

# RUDOLPH A. JANATA AWARD

RECOGNIZING AN OUTSTANDING DEFENSE BAR ASSOCIATION

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### 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

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:

Cheryl L. Palombizio, Director of Member and SLDO Relations  
DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*  
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Chicago, IL 60603  
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# DRI SLDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENT

### 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.

Cheryl L. Palombizio, Director of Member and SLDO Relations  
DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*  
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Chicago, IL 60603  
Fax: 312.252.1156  
Email: [cpalombizio@dri.org](mailto:cpalombizio@dri.org)

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

### **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.

Nancy Parz, Senior Director  
DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*  
55 West Monroe Street, Suite 2000  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Fax: 312.252.1124  
E-mail: nparz@dri.org

## PRESENTATION

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

# LOUIS B. POTTER LIFETIME PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### 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:

Toyja E. Kelley  
Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP  
500 E. Pratt Street, Suite 900  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
E-mail: toyja.kelley@saul.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  
Fax: 312.795.0747  
E-mail: johnrkouris@dri.org



# DRI LIFETIME COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### 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:

Toyja E. Kelley  
Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP  
500 E. Pratt Street, Suite 900  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
E-mail: [toyja.kelley@saul.com](mailto:toyja.kelley@saul.com)

With a copy to:

John R. Kouris, Executive Director  
DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*  
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Chicago, IL 60603  
Fax: 312.795.0747  
E-mail: [johnrkouris@dri.org](mailto:johnrkouris@dri.org)

# RICHARD H. KROCHOCK AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### 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 next DRI Annual Meeting.

# TOM SEGALLA EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### 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:

Nancy Parz, Senior Director  
DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*  
55 West Monroe Street, Suite 2000  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Fax: 312.252.1124  
E-mail: [nparz@dri.org](mailto:nparz@dri.org)

# DAVIS CARR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### 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;
- 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

### 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 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

### 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;
- 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:

Cheryl L. Palombizio, Director of Member and 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](mailto: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, 2019.  
Please download the form at [www.dri.org](http://www.dri.org) or contact Cheryl L. Palombizio at 312.698.6207 or [cpalombizio@dri.org](mailto:cpalombizio@dri.org) for more information.

# SLDO DIVERSITY AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### 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;
- 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:

Cheryl L. Palombizio, Director of Member and SLDO Relations

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Email: [cpalombizio@dri.org](mailto: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, 2019. Please download the form at [www.dri.org](http://www.dri.org) or contact Cheryl L. Palombizio at 312.698.6207 or [cpalombizio@dri.org](mailto:cpalombizio@dri.org) for more information.

# SHERYL J. WILLERT PIONEER DIVERSITY AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### 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

### 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*  
55 West Monroe Street, Suite 2000  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Fax: 312.252.1124  
E-mail: nparz@dri.org

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

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### 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

Marilyn 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](mailto:cpalombizio@dri.org).

## DEADLINE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS: JULY 1, 2019

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