



# DRI ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND SERVICE AWARDS

NOMINATIONS DUE JULY 1 , 2023

## 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 2023 DRI Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, from October 25-27. In addition, DRI will recognize award recipients in *The Voice* and through a news alert on DRI.org.

# LOUIS B. POTTER LIFETIME PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Marc E. Williams  
West Virginia

Chrys A. Martin  
Oregon

Albert H. Parnell  
Georgia

Steven M. Puiszis  
Illinois

James W. Morris III  
Virginia

Hugh E. Reynolds, Jr.  
Indiana

William R. Sampson  
Missouri

Richard T. Boyette  
North Carolina

Samuel S. Woodley  
North Carolina

Thomas F. Segalla  
New York

Burton J. Johnson  
Oklahoma

E. Wayne Taff  
Missouri

Robert E. Scott, Jr.  
Maryland

Edward W. Mullins, Jr.  
South Carolina

Ollie L. Blan, Jr.  
Alabama

John H. Martin  
Texas

Lloyd H. Milliken, Jr.  
Indiana

Brooke Wunnicke  
Colorado

Stephen G. Morrison  
South Carolina

Robert S. Krause  
Michigan

James A. Dixon, Jr.  
Florida

Douglas G. Houser  
Oregon

Donald F. Pierce  
Alabama

Donald Patterson  
Kansas

John C. Trimble  
Indiana

John Parker Sweeney,  
Washington, D.C.

## 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

DRI asks that all entries be accompanied by whatever material the nominator feels will best support the nominee.

Entries for the Louis B. Potter Lifetime Professional Service Award should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding these awards or the nomination process, please contact [Awards@dri.org](mailto:Awards@dri.org).

## DEADLINE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS: JULY 1, 2023

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

# DRI FOUNDATION COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Connie Matteo  
New Jersey

Alison Y. Ashe-Card  
North Carolina

Ronald R. Robinson  
California

Moheeb H. Murray  
Michigan

Joseph M. Hanna  
New York

J. Denny Shupe  
Pennsylvania

James O. Craven  
Connecticut

Todd A. Rowden  
Illinois

R. Matthew Cairns  
New Hampshire

Laurie K. Miller  
West Virginia

David M. Davis  
Texas

George H. Mitchell  
Arizona

Elizabeth H. Huntley  
Alabama

Robert B. "Chip" Delano, Jr.  
Virginia

Douglas G. Houser  
Oregon

Robert A. Shields  
California

Jefferey G. Frank  
Washington

William T. Birmingham  
Arizona

Plunkett Cooney PC

James F. Rosner  
Maryland

J. Robert Sheehy  
Texas

Carter E. Strang  
Ohio

Patrick J. Sweeney  
Pennsylvania

Melissa K. Roeder  
Washington

Carolyn M. Husmann,  
Missouri

## 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

DRI asks that all entries be accompanied by whatever material the nominator feels will best support the nominee.

Entries for the DRI Foundation Community Service Award should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# TOM SEGALLA EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

E. Todd Presnell Tennessee	Francisco Ramos, Jr. Florida	Rina Carmel California
Lee Craig Florida	Scott Burnett Smith Alabama	Lise T. Spacapan Illinois
John J. "Jack" Laffey Wisconsin	Stephen O. Plunkett Minnesota	
Melody Kiella, Georgia		

## 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.

Entries for the Tom Segalla Excellence in Education Award should be submitted via this form by July 1, 2023.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# DAVIS CARR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

David L. Jones  
Construction Law  
Committee

Baxter D. Drennon  
Young Lawyers  
Committee

Diana M. Gerstberger  
Construction Law  
Committee

James E. Robinson  
Aviation Law Committee

Casey C. Stansbury  
Governmental Liability  
Committee

Jennifer Anderson Hoffman  
Retail and Hospitality  
Committee

Lana Alcorn Olson  
Women in the Law  
Committee

Michael M. Marick  
Insurance Law  
Committee

Douglas K. Burrell  
Diversity and  
Inclusion Committee

Mark A. Fahleson  
Employment and  
Labor Law Committee

Vickie L. Henry  
Commercial Litigation  
Committee

Lee Craig  
Insurance Law  
Committee

Kelly A. Freeman  
Corporate Counsel  
Committee

Simeon D. Rapoport  
Life, Health and  
Disability Committee

Robert W. Hesselbacher, Jr.  
Professional Liability  
Committee

Stephen G. Pesarchick,  
Trucking Law Committee

Jay Barry Harris  
Trucking Law  
Committee

Henry M. Sneath  
Commercial  
Litigation  
Committee

Linda M. Lawson  
Life, Health and  
Disability Committee

Thomas A. Packer  
Medical Liability  
Committee

Michael F. Aylward  
Insurance Law  
Committee

Steve Gerber  
Employment and  
Labor Law Committee

Tracey L. Turnbull  
Commercial Litigation  
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 PROCESS

On or before July 1 of each year, the First Vice President, who has oversight responsibility for committees, and the DRI 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.

Entries for the Davis Carr Outstanding Committee Chair Award should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# KEVIN DRISKILL OUTSTANDING STATE REPRESENTATIVE AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Jill Cranston Rice West Virginia	Emily G. Coughlin Massachusetts	Michael S. Ryan Minnesota
Beth A. Lochmiller Kentucky	Mark J. Neal Louisiana	David M. Davis Texas
Robert J. Chomiak, Jr. Connecticut	Thomas J. Maroney New York	William S. Davies, Jr. South Carolina
Glenn M. Holley California	Christopher A. Kenney Massachusetts	James E. Lozier Michigan
Michael J. "Sam" Sandmire Oregon	Peter J. Hersha Ohio	Douglas M. McIntosh Florida
F. James Robinson, Jr. Kansas	Leland "Lee" H. Ayres Louisiana	F. Drake Lee, Jr. Louisiana
Edward M. "Bubba" Hughes Georgia	Mary Ann Dempsey New Hampshire	Michael D. Carter Oklahoma
C. Scott Toomey, Pennsylvania		

## 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 PROCESS

On or before July 1 of each year, the Second Vice President, who has responsibility for membership development, and the DRI Vice President, Engagement, 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.

Entries for the Kevin Driskill Outstanding State Representative Award should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# ALBERT H. PARNELL OUTSTANDING PROGRAM CHAIR AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Caroline Berdzik  
Nursing Home/ALF  
Litigation Seminar

Stacy Lynne Douglas  
Diversity for Success Seminar  
and Corporate Expo

Brian K. Brookey  
Intellectual Property  
Litigation Seminar

Laura D. Eschleman  
Medical Liability and  
Health Care Law Seminar

Gary L. Howard  
Diversity and  
Inclusion Seminar

Eric E. Kinder,  
Employment and Labor Law  
Seminar

Charles W. Browning  
Insurance Coverage and  
Practice Symposium

Joshua C. Webb  
Young Lawyers  
Seminar

Casey C. Stansbury  
Civil Rights and  
Governmental Tort  
Liability Seminar

James W. Kraus  
Government  
Enforcement and  
Corporate Compliance  
Seminar

Heidi B. Goldstein  
Women in the Law  
Seminar

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

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

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 PROCESS

Entries for the Albert H. Parnell Outstanding Program Chair Award should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

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# DRI LAW FIRM/CORPORATE LEGAL DEPARTMENT DIVERSITY AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Bowman and Brooke LLP	Gallivan White & Boyd PA	Abbott Simses & Kuchler
Tucker Ellis LLP	Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP	Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP
Thompson Hine LLP	Venable LLP	Gordon & Rees LLP
Beveridge & Diamond PC	Lewis Wagner LLP	Thelen Reid & Priest LLP
Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP	Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC	Holland & Knight LLP
Phelps Dunbar LLP	JAMS The Resolution Experts	
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	Masucci Dispute Management and Resolution Services	
Chubb Limited		
City University of New York	Resolute Systems	
IAT Insurance Group, Inc.	Wright Public Entity	

## 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 PROCESS

Entries for the DRI Law Firm/Corporate Legal Department Diversity

Award should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding these awards or the nomination process, please contact [Awards@dri.org](mailto:Awards@dri.org).

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# SLDO DIVERSITY AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Virginia Association  
of Defense Attorneys

Minnesota Defense  
Lawyers Association

Oregon Association  
of Defense Counsel

New Mexico Defense  
Lawyers Association

Defense Association  
of New York

Oklahoma Association  
of Defense Counsel

Arizona Association  
of Defense Counsel

North Carolina Association  
of Defense Attorneys

Ohio Association of  
Civil Trial Attorneys

Maryland Defense  
Counsel Inc.

New Jersey Defense  
Association

Minnesota Defense  
Lawyers Association

North Carolina Association  
of Defense Attorneys

Alabama Defense Lawyers  
Association

Florida Defense Lawyers  
Association

Colorado Defense  
Lawyers Association

Canadian Defence  
Lawyers

## 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 PROCESS

Entries for the SLDO Diversity Award should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# RICHARD H. KROCHOCK AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

John F. Kuppens South Carolina	Mary “Re” Knack Washington	Sheryl J. Willert Washington
John C. Trimble Indiana	Todd Presnell Tennessee	Laura E. Proctor Tennessee
Kelly Jones Howell New York	Anne M. Talcott Oregon	Charles A. Stewart III Alabama
Todd S. Manuel Louisiana	Patrick J. Sweeney Pennsylvania	Randall R. Riggs Indiana
Douglas K. Burrell Georgia	Linda M. Lawson California	Kelly A. Freeman Michigan
R. Craig Mayfield Florida	Kimberly D. Baker Washington	E. Wayne Taff Missouri
Laurie K. Miller West Virginia	Kathy J. Maus Florida	Shannon M. Nessier California
		Baxter D. Drennon, Arkansas

## 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 2023 DRI Annual Meeting.

Entries for the Richard H. Krochock Award should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# VETERANS NETWORK MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

John R. Kouris  
Illinois

W. Douglas Berry  
Florida

John V. Garaffa  
Florida

David M. Davis  
Texas

Dan K. Worthington  
Texas

Edward P. Perdue  
Michigan

Clint. V Cox  
Texas

## 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

DRI asks that all entries be accompanied by whatever material the nominator feels will best support the nominee.

Entries for the Veterans Network Meritorious Service Award should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

## PRESENTATION

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

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding these awards or the nomination process, please contact [Awards@dri.org](mailto:Awards@dri.org).

## DEADLINE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS: JULY 1, 2023

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# DRI SLDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Mary Gadd  
Tennessee Defense  
Lawyers Association

Jane L. Brown  
Mississippi Defense  
Lawyers Association

Lynette D. Pitt  
North Carolina Association  
of Defense Attorneys

Kathi C. McKeown  
Kentucky Defense Counsel

Maggie S. Sweeney  
Washington Defense  
Trial Lawyers

Aimee L. Hiers,  
South Carolina Defense  
Trial Attorneys' Association

Jennifer M. Davis Georgia  
Defense Lawyers Association

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

DRI asks that all entries are accompanied by whatever material the nominator feels will best support the nominee.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations must come from a current DRI member or a DRI SLDO Executive Director and be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

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.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding these awards or the nomination process, please contact [Awards@dri.org](mailto:Awards@dri.org).

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# FRED H. SIEVERT AWARD

RECOGNIZING AN OUTSTANDING DEFENSE BAR LEADER

## PAST RECIPIENTS

John R. Sly Maryland	Robert H.S. Schaffer Michigan	Joseph J. Joyce Utah
Anthony W. Livoti South Carolina	Robert W. Shively Nebraska	Robert C. Riter, Jr. South Dakota
Jeanne F. Loftis Oregon	Christopher A. Kenney Massachusetts	Eugene Tierney Ohio
R. Mark Mifflin Illinois	David E. Chamberlain Texas	Daniel R. Formeller Illinois
Andrew S. Bolin Florida	Sharon Soorholtz Greer Iowa	Mary K. Wolverton Wisconsin
Amanda M. Good Wyoming	Stephen R. Pennell Indiana	H. Daniel Vogel North Dakota
Bradford D. Box Tennessee	Katherine S. Kerby Mississippi	Paul L. Price Illinois
Lynn M. Roberson Georgia	Linda Stephens North Carolina	James W. Mohr, Jr. Wisconsin
Keith B. O'Connell Texas	Thomas J. Welk South Dakota	Peter J. Hoffman Pennsylvania
Bonnie J. Refinski-Knight North Carolina	John C. Trimble Indiana	J. Robert Sheehy Texas
John T. Lay, Jr. South Carolina	Thomas C. Riney Texas	D. Cameron Beck, Jr. Virginia
Susan E. Gunter Toronto		

## 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

DRI asks that all entries be accompanied by whatever material your association feels will best support the nominee.

Entries for the Fred H. Sievert Award should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding these awards or the nomination process, please contact [Awards@dri.org](mailto:Awards@dri.org).

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# RUDOLPH A. JANATA AWARD

RECOGNIZING AN OUTSTANDING DEFENSE BAR ASSOCIATION

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Philadelphia Association of  
Defense Counsel

North Carolina Association  
of Defense Attorneys

Tennessee Defense  
Lawyers Association

Wisconsin Defense  
Counsel

Washington Defense Trial  
Lawyers

Minnesota Defense  
Lawyers Association

Kentucky Defense Counsel

Massachusetts Defense  
Lawyers Association

Georgia Defense Lawyers  
Association

Pennsylvania Defense  
Institute

Mississippi Defense  
Lawyers Association

Georgia Defense  
Lawyers Association

Ohio Association of Civil  
Trial Attorneys

Defense Counsel of  
Rhode Island

Canadian Defence Lawyers

Maryland Defense  
Counsel Inc.

New Mexico Defense  
Lawyers Association

Alabama Defense Lawyers  
Association

Minnesota Defense  
Lawyers Association

Defense Trial Counsel of  
West Virginia

North Carolina Association of  
Defense Attorneys

Colorado Defense  
Lawyers Association

South Carolina Defense  
Trial Attorneys Association

Illinois Association of  
Defense Trial Counsel

Virginia Association  
of Defense Attorneys

Louisiana Association  
of Defense Counsel

Defense Trial  
Counsel of Indiana

Texas Association  
of Defense Counsel

Florida Defense  
Lawyers Association

Missouri Organization  
of Defense Lawyers

Iowa Association of  
Defense Counsel

Philadelphia Association  
of Defense Counsel

Oregon Association  
of Defense Counsel

Washington Defense  
Trial Lawyers

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

DRI asks that all entries be accompanied by whatever material your association feels will best support the nominee.

Entries for the Rudolph A. Janata Award should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

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# G. DUFFIELD SMITH OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Ryan Harrison Austin, Texas	Shana A. O'Grady Wheaton, Illinois	Christine A. Hogan Bismarck, North Dakota
Kelsey Osborne Knoxville, Tennessee	Loren H. Brown Christopher G. Campbell Daniel J. Cooper New York, New York	Alfred W. Cortese, Jr. Phillip A. Wittmann New Orleans, Louisiana
Anne A. Gruner Nicholas M. Centrella, Jr. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Kerry P. McInerney Birmingham, Alabama	Forrest S. Latta Mobile, Alabama
Anthony L. Schumann Chicago, Illinois	Heather K. Kelly Denver, Colorado	William H. Hardie, Jr. Mobile, Alabama
Toni L. Frain Boston, Massachusetts	Jonathan Allan Klein Annmarie M. Liermann San Francisco, California	Kevin M. Reynolds Richard J. Kirschman Des Moines, Iowa
Matthew J. Lavisky Tampa, Florida	James M. Meseck Denver, Colorado	Carol Campbell Cure Phoenix, Arizona
Gary L. Johnson Salt Lake City, UT	J. Mark Coulson Baltimore, Maryland	William T. Birmingham Charles D. Onofry Phoenix, Arizona
Sean C. Griffin Washington, D.C.	Sidney K. Kanazawa Los Angeles, California	Paul D. Coates Greensboro, North Carolina
John G. Browning Dallas, Texas	Michael F. Aylward Boston, Massachusetts	Martha A. Churchill Chicago, Illinois
Laurie K. Miller Charleston, West Virginia	Scott P. Stolley Dallas, Texas	Georgia A. Staton Angela K. Sinner Phoenix, Arizona
Michael P. Bruyere Atlanta, Georgia	Bradley D. Honnold Kansas City, Missouri	Donald Patterson Topeka, Kansas
Scott Rees Norcross, Georgia	Kenneth Ross Minnetonka, Minnesota	Brooke Wunnicke Denver, Colorado
David C. Marshall Columbia, South Carolina	Craig A. Livingston Walnut Creek, California	
Max C.R. Heerman Minneapolis, Minnesota	Michael J. Ruttinger Cleveland, Ohio	
Andrew Tauber Brian Wong Washington, D.C.	Colton Driver Nashville, Tennessee	

## 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 editors of *For The Defense* and *In-House Defense Quarterly* and the Executive Department consider 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 should be **submitted via this form** by July 1, 2023.

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# JOHN R. KOURIS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Nancy Parz  
Chicago, Illinois

## CRITERIA

The John R. Kouris Presidential Award is among the highest distinctions given to an individual or organization that has made extraordinary contributions to the legal community.

The nominee should be a committed supporter of DRI with long-standing involvement and/or distinguished support of DRI, its mission, and its members.

The nominee should demonstrate active and outstanding commitment to improving DRI programs, opportunities for members and a history of positive impact on education programs, public policy, or guidance to members.

## SELECTION PROCESS

The award is presented by the President at the DRI Annual Meeting. It may not be given every year.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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