



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 1st 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 X 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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Education University of Oregon Law School, graduated 1996

Awards and achievements DRI Richard Krochock Award, 2011. Super Lawyer for Product Liability Defense since 2009; Rising Star 2007-2008. Chair, Oregon State Bar Product Liability Section, 2003. Chair, Multnomah Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee, 2011-2012. Chair, Multnomah Bar Association Court Liaison Committee, 2008-2009. Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Board member, 2015-present.

Areas of practice Product Liability Defense with an emphasis on drug and medical device litigation. I also have significant experience defending automotive and heavy duty truck companies, heavy equipment manufacturers, and food and beverage manufacturers.

Years as a defense attorney 21

Employment history I have spent my whole career at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, serving as a summer associate in 1995, and starting as an associate in 1996. I am an equity shareholder at the firm.

Noteworthy defense work: I frequently serve on national discovery, expert and trial teams for pharmaceutical and medical device companies, including as co-lead trial counsel in a number of instances. As co-lead trial counsel for Daimler Trucks I obtained a defense verdict in a crashworthiness case in 2013 in Oregon state court. As trial counsel for Ford Motor Company I obtained a directed verdict in a restraint defect case.

Professional affiliations: Member Oregon State bar, Washington State bar, Member of DRI, IADC, Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, Multnomah Bar Association, and Oregon Women Lawyers

DRI member since 1996

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.

I am currently the Chair of the Product Liability Committee, and previously served as Committee Vice Chair, Program Chair and Vice Chair and led the Biomechanics SLG. I have also served on the Steering Committee of the Drug and Medical Device Committee for a number of years, including serving as Editor of that committee's newsletter, Rx for the Defense, as Publications Chair, and as the Young Lawyer Liaison (planning the stand alone YL breakout program). I chaired the DRI Young Lawyers Committee in 2006-2007, having previously been vice chair, Program Chair/VC, Annual Meeting Liaison, and Pro-Bono Chair. I served on the steering committee of the DRI Diversity Committee when Raymond Williams was Committee Chair. I served as Chair of the DRI Annual Meeting in 2011, having previously been AM Vice Chair and Marketing Chair/VC. I served on the DRI Nominating Committee in 2012. I currently serve on the DRI Third Party Funding Group and have been on the Steering Committee for the Corporate Counsel Round Table from 2015-present. I have spoken at numerous DRI Programs including the Corporate Counsel Roundtable, the Drug and Medical Device Seminar, Strictly Automotive, the Annual Meeting, Product Liability Conference (SLG breakout speaker), DRI Europe and Young Lawyers. I authored an article for FTD on distracted driving.

List any leadership roles in other defense organizations. I currently serve on the Board of the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel

Describe your goals if you are elected to the above position. If elected my goals would be to (1) increase the involvement of in-house counsel in DRI substantive committees through increased industry association partnerships and leveraging of panel counsel meetings as venues for true company/outside lawyer strategic meetings; (2) continue to diversify DRI's membership through alliances with specialty bar associations and incentives for firms to encourage diverse lawyers to join and get involved in the organization; and (3) to further increase the engagement of members by expanding leadership opportunities and making involvement in DRI easier for today's lawyers who have less money to spend on out of state seminars, less time to volunteer and want to see benefits of involvement more quickly than ever before.

What do you believe is the most important issue confronting the defense bar? Technology, and the challenges it presents the legal profession, is the greatest issue facing the defense bar. The legal profession as whole is changing very rapidly due to technological advances. Vendors have created software that has made much lower level legal work obsolete for lawyers. Even jury selection, one of the most artful areas of trial work, can be assisted with computer programs recommending strikes. Defense lawyers must recognize that our jobs will continue to change and our clients will want to reap the financial benefits of new technology that decreases fees. The defense bar will need to focus on leveraging the newest technology for the benefit of our clients while simultaneously promoting and highlighting the irreplaceable value human expertise provides.

Define the appropriate role for DRI as the national defense bar organization. In addition to providing the best education and highest quality publications for the defense bar, DRI should be a resource for policy development in the areas affecting the defense bar and our clients. DRI has made great strides in this area with the Center for Public Policy, but there are opportunities to engage more members in these efforts, thus strengthening our

membership base, engagement of members and tapping into additional resources and ideas.

Hobbies and/or interests I am a distance runner and have assisted with coaching middle school track. When I'm not running for fun myself, I am trying to keep up with my kids and their various activities.

Family I have two wonderful children, Marissa (16) and Harrison (12), who have grown up in DRI. Both of my kids attended their first seminars as infants and have been fixtures at the Annual Meeting and numerous seminars over the past 16 years.
