



## Declaration of Candidacy

Candidates for election as Second Vice President or Director Elected Nationally must complete this form and submit it to the Chief Executive Officer 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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Awards and achievements Indiana Super Lawyer 2017-2022; Indiana Super Lawyer Rising Star 2009-2010 and 2015; AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale Hubbell (2013-present)

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Areas of practice Health care law; professional licensure defense; medical malpractice defense; nursing home defense litigation

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Employment history (Please do not include years)

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O'Melveny & Myers, LLP; Indiana Attorney General; Harrison & Moberly, LLP; Drewry Simmons Vornehm, LLP

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Noteworthy defense work While I have a few reported cases and many successful outcomes in my medical malpractice defense and nursing home litigation cases, I am most proud of my work before Indiana's health related Boards and Committees. Through this administrative litigation, I have defended physicians, dentists, psychologists, nurses, and social workers from governmental overreach and the abuse of prosecutorial discretion. I have represented and assisted many physicians in salvaging their careers after the disease of substance abuse has almost destroyed them. Some of the most fulfilling moments in my practice of law have been when I helped a provider complete his or her recovery and remove the probation to allow them to safely continue the practice that they love. When I can complete the full road to redemption for a doctor by getting the probation on their medical license removed after years of successful recovery it is noteworthy to me.

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Professional affiliations 1) DRI; 2) Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana (Indiana's SLDO); 3) American Health Lawyers Association; 4) LeadingAge; 5) LeadingAge of Indiana; 6) Indiana State Medical Association; 7) Indiana Health Care Association; 8) Hoosier's Owners & Providers for the Elderly (HOPE); 9) Indiana State Bar Association; 10) Indianapolis Bar Association

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Have you been a DRI member for 5 or more years? Yes

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.

Immediate Past Chair, DRI Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee (2022-2023); DRI For Life Committee (2022-2023); Chair, DRI Medical Liability and

Health Care Law Committee (2019-2021); Vice-Chair, DRI Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee (2017-2019); Member, DRI Membership Committee (2018-2021); Mainstage Chair, DRI Annual Meeting Committee (2021); Mainstage Vice Chair, DRI Summit Meeting Committee (2020); Speaker, DRI Conclave (2021); Speaker, DRI Annual Meeting (2021); Speaker, DRI Leadership Meeting (2020); Speaker, DRI Nursing Home/ALF Litigation Seminar (2017); Speaker, DRI Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar (2016); Program Chair, DRI Nursing Home/ALF Litigation Seminar (2014); Vice-Program Chair, DRI Nursing Home/ALF Litigation Seminar (2013); Marketing Chair, DRI Nursing Home/ALF Litigation Seminar (2012); Author (Why DRI? – On The Record – For The Defense (2022); Author (In-House Counsel and What They Want – In-House Defense Quarterly 2022); Author (From the Chair - A Time to Rebound – For the Defense 2021); Author (From the Chair - Heartfelt Appreciation – For the Defense 2020); Author (From the Chair -DRI Medlaw Update 2018-2020); Author (Defending the Nursing Home and Assisted Living Case in the First 100 Days – DRI Medlaw Update 2017); Author (Medical Licensure Administrative Actions – DRI Medlaw Update 2016); Member DRI Diversity and Inclusion Committee; Member DRI Lawyers' Professional and Ethics Committee; Member DRI Litigation Skills Committee

In addition to the above official roles, speaking engagement and publications, I am particularly proud of my work as the Vice-Chair and Chair of the Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee. As the former leader of the committee, I continued the excellent work of my predecessors. We continued to present at least 2 live seminars a year (with between 400-500 attendees at each seminar), annually met our membership goals, and developed new DRI leaders.

I am proud that our committee was able to quickly adapt to the COVID-19 crisis and present two successful virtual seminars (with over 150 attendees at each virtual seminar): the Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar was conducted on August 20-21, 2020, and the Nursing Home/ALF Litigation Seminar was held on September 9-11, 2020. Both seminars had excellent attendance.

I am also proud to have participated in the creation of the DRI Medical Liability Committee Diversity and Inclusion Chair position. Our D&I Subcommittee meets once a month. The Medical Liability D&I Subcommittee is largely responsible for the webinar "Covid 19 and its Effects on Communities of Color" which was jointly presented with the D&I Committee and had a fantastic response from our committee members.

Our committee's increased collaboration with the D&I Committee and the Young Lawyers Committee are things that I am proud to have facilitated. As former Committee Chair, I have paid particular attention to continuing to develop a steady pipeline of future leaders, increasing the diversity of our committee, and increasing the membership of both DRI and our committee.

List any leadership roles in other defense organizations.

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N/A

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

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My main goal if elected National Director is to continue to serve DRI. DRI has provided me with extensive professional and personal benefits, and I want to ensure that future attorneys can share in DRI's benefits. My article (Why DRI? – On The Record – For The Defense (2022) details my love for DRI and why I devote so much time and energy into the organization.

I believe that DRI needs to focus on our return to in-person seminars and improving them. DRI's in-person seminars are the bread and butter of all we do and are why so many people volunteer their time and energy. These events are how and why we get new members and keep existing members.

DRI needs to continue to focus on membership and integrating its young members. As a National Director, I would continue my efforts to transition DRI's young lawyers to their respective SLCs, and continue to collaborate with the SLCs and the other affinity groups.

One other goal I would continue to work on is partnering DRI with other organizations. I have been working on a partnership with a national hospital self-insured defense association to discuss partnering with DRI and our committee to further the interests of the defense bar. I spoke at their virtual conference in September 2021 along with my former Vice Chair and a DRI representative to discuss how we can partner and how they can use our committee's existing infrastructure to promote our common interests. Potential partnerships with other organizations is a crucial way to grow DRI in the current organizational climate.

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

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There are many important issues confronting the defense bar. We will continue to have to adapt to the changes in the practice of law caused by COVID-19. I foresee insurance companies pressuring the defense bar to continue to cut defense costs by using more and more virtual applications and restricting certain defense strategies. Insurance companies will also continue to use technology to try to reduce defense costs.

Diversity and inclusion are also areas that will have to continue to be addressed by the defense bar. All our clients will soon require, if they have not already, our

firms to demonstrate their diversity and inclusion efforts and results. DRI can continue to be a leading resource in this area for its members' firms.

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

DRI should continue to be the organization it has been and provide cutting-edge in-person seminars with great CLE and business development (networking) opportunities. Our seminars and networking are the engine that drives DRI. However, DRI must also continue to adapt to the new technological era and increase its offerings via webinars, on-demand programming, and virtual offerings. Additionally, DRI must continue to keep its focus on diversity and inclusion, women in the law, and young lawyers to maintain itself as the premier defense lawyer organization and one that will stand the test of time and history. DRI is already the leading national defense bar organization, and we just need to ensure that we continue to improve our services without losing our identity.