



## LAWYER AS PROBLEM SOLVER AWARD

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are due by **February 16, 2009**

The Lawyer as Problem Solver Award recognizes individuals and organizations that use their problem-solving skills to forge creative solutions. An award is given to an individual member of the legal profession and/or institution who has exhibited extraordinary skill in either promoting the concept of the lawyer as problem-solver or resolving individual, institutional, community, state, national, or international problems.

Recipients will be acknowledged for their use or promotion of collaboration, negotiation, mediation, counseling, decision-making, and problem-solving skills to help parties resolve a problem in a creative and novel way. The lawyer as problem solver, in both orientation and skills, demonstrates:

- the ability to analyze situations or to consider expert analysis from a multi disciplinary perspective, taking into account the broad array of client or party interests and the multitude of factors and circumstances that impact the "problem" presented;
- the ability to translate positions into interests;
- the ability to generate and assess--and to help the client or parties involved generate and assess-- both conventional and novel options to address the problem; and
- the ability to build consensus around an option which best addresses the goals and interests of a client or the involved participants.

The 2009 Lawyer as Problem Solver Recipient will be honored at the Section of Dispute Resolution's Spring Conference in New York City on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## NOMINATIONS FORM

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Individual or Institutional:

Name of Nominee:

Title/Position:

Firm/Organization:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone/Fax:

E-mail Address:

### NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name:

Firm/Organization:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone/Fax:

E-mail Address:

### SUPPORTING MATERIALS

- A. A completed nomination form must accompany each nomination.
- B. Narrative and Supporting Material: In no more than two typed pages, address how the nominee (individual or institutional) exemplifies the definition of the lawyer as problem solver above. Provide specific examples where possible. While many individual neutrals and institutional providers are worthy of recognition for their direct delivery of services, the selection committee will look most favorably on nominations that focus on lawyers representing clients and institutions promoting problem-solving in ways other than direct delivery of neutral services.

### PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

Nominations must be received by February 16, 2009. The Section requires materials to be submitted electronically. Please e-mail your completed nomination form and accompanying material to Gina Viola Brown at [browng@staff.abanet.org](mailto:browng@staff.abanet.org). Please direct questions to Gina at her email address or (202) 662-1680.

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### PAST RECIPIENTS

#### 2002

- ◆ Individual Award: Pauline Tesler
- ◆ Individual Award: Stuart Webb
- ◆ Institution Award: Passaic County Legal Aid Society

#### 2003

- ◆ Individual Award: Charles Asher
- ◆ Institution Award: United States Air Force

#### 2004

- ◆ Individual Award: Forrest S. Mosten
- ◆ Institution Award: The Dispute Resolution Center of Harris County, Texas

#### 2005

- ◆ Individual Award: Carl Poirot
- ◆ Institution Award: San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program

#### 2006

- ◆ Individual Award: David W. Plant
- ◆ Institution Award: The Red Hook Community Justice Center

#### 2007

- ◆ Individual Award: David Sandborg
- ◆ Institution Award: The Innocence Project

#### 2008

- Individual Award: Tina Rasnow
- Institution Award: Brooklyn, New York, District Attorney's Office

For more details about the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Lawyer as Problem Solver Committee and Projects please visit the committee web site: <http://www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=DR020100>