

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN ADR SECTION
Awards Policy and Procedure

- I. The ADR Section has three awards which it may bestow each year as follows:

The George N. Bashara Jr. Award (a/k/a the Chair's Award), presented to an individual, program, or entity at the ADR Section's annual meeting, is given in recognition of exemplary service to the Section and its members.

The Distinguished Service Award, presented to an individual, program, or entity at the ADR Section's annual meeting, is given in recognition of significant contributions to the field of dispute resolution.

The Diversity and Inclusion Award is presented at the ADR Section's annual meeting, and is given in recognition of significant contributions concerning diversity and inclusion in the field of alternative dispute resolution.

The Hero of ADR Award may be given to a person or entity for supporting the ADR Section's mission or the field of conflict resolution generally, by providing exemplary assistance. [Read more information.](#)

The Nanci S. Klein Award, presented to an individual, program, or entity at the ADR Section's annual meeting, is given in recognition of exemplary programs, initiatives, and leaders in the field of community dispute resolution.

- II. The Nominating Committee shall seek from the ADR Section Council, each year by no later than the deadline date for nomination applications, input regarding characteristics or criteria that the Council believes should be considered or emphasized in award recipient selection.
- III. The Nominating Committee of the ADR Section is responsible for recommending to the ADR Section Council the recipient of the Distinguished Service, Nanci S. Klein, and Diversity and Inclusion awards after completing the following:
- A. By early February of each calendar year, the Nominating Committee shall push through the Section's listserv a Call for Nominations for the Distinguished Service, Nanci S. Klein, and Diversity and Inclusion awards, which includes an application form for nominations.
 - B. At least 2 separate communications, though both may be by electronic means, should be provided to the Section membership with adequate time to respond by the declared deadline to the Call for Nominations.
 - C. The Nominating Committee shall review each application, perform appropriate follow-up investigation, and compare each nominee against the Council's characteristics and criteria.
 - D. The Nominating Committee shall recommend the most worthy recipient for each award at a Spring meeting of the Council for confirmation by vote of Council. Alternatively, the Nominating Committee may proffer the most worthy recipients of each award for final

decision by vote of the Council.

- IV. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall communicate in writing with the selected recipient of the Distinguished Service, Nanci S. Klein, and Diversity & Inclusion awards including all pertinent information regarding date, time, location, and costs covered by the Section. Additional information should be provided if any recipient is being asked to provide a brief (substantive) presentation upon accepting the award.
 - A. As historical reference, the Council has authorized the cost of dinner, overnight accommodations when the recipient is more than 50 miles from the meeting site, mileage reimbursement, and complimentary attendance at the conference for the recipient.
 - B. As historical reference, the Council has authorized the cost of dinner for the spouse or significant other of the recipient.
 - C. As historical reference, when the award recipient has been an entity, organization, or program, the Council has authorized the cost of dinner for up to two representatives of the organization, entity, or program and their spouses or significant others. That is a maximum of four dinners have been provided by the Section when the recipient is an entity, organization, or program.
- V. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall coordinate with the Annual Meeting Logistics Committee Chair the count for and type of Section comp'd meals and any Section comp'd room reservation.
- VI. The Chair of the Nominating Committee may correspond with each nominator of a proposed recipient for the Distinguished Service, Nanci S. Klein, and Diversity & Inclusion awards thanking him/her for the nomination and encouraging nominations in subsequent years.