

Distinguished Alumni Service Award

The Alumni Association established the Distinguished Alumni Service Award (DASA) in 2000 to recognize graduates who excel in supporting the mission of the Law School, who have made significant contributions to society, and whose accomplishments, affiliations, and careers have honored the legacy of excellence of the Law School.

Selection Criteria

- 1) **Commitment and dedication to WMU-Cooley:** The nominee's actions reflect the educational training received at WMU-Cooley and show pride in and loyalty to WMU-Cooley, as demonstrated through his/her interest in and support of the Law School and Alumni Association.
- 2) **Career success:** The nominee has attained prominence in law practice or other worthy endeavors that form a record of accomplishment impressive to the legal community.
- 3) **Service and leadership in the community:** The nominee exhibits integrity and a demonstrated commitment to service through an interest in bettering the lives of others.
- 4) **Professionalism and ethics:** The nominee's life and practice demonstrate integrity and dedication to the highest standards of ethics, the legal profession, and rule of law.

Nomination Process

Nominations will be accepted using these guidelines:

- 1) The Award Nomination Form is online at cooley.edu/alumni/distinguished-service-award (**required**)
- 2) Nominators are encouraged to provide additional support to further distinguish the nominee such as:
 - a. Letter of nomination written by the nominator (**required**) or others
 - b. Biography, résumé, or curriculum vitae for the nominee
 - c. Publications, including articles or professional publications
 - d. Personal stories
 - e. Awards or certificates of achievement
- 3) Nominations will be considered the subsequent year if a nominee is not selected for the award.

Selection Process

The Past President's Committee of the Alumni Association administers the Award as follows:

- The Alumni Office will collect and validate nominations.
 - The nomination period will open the first Friday in August and close September 15.
 - The Alumni Office will provide the selection committee with all valid nominations by October 1.
 - The selection committee will hold an electronic meeting the first Friday in October at 2:00 pm.
 - The selection committee will vote, via electronic means, by the close of business on October 15.
 - The nominee(s) with the majority of votes received shall receive the Award.
- Up to two recipients may be selected annually. Additional awards must be approved by the Past President's Committee.
- The Award will be presented at the Alumni Association Annual Meeting.