

NATIONAL DEFENDER INVESTIGATOR ASSOCIATION

MEMBER OF THE YEAR



MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Do you know an Investigator, Paralegal, Mitigation Specialist and/or Social Worker in your office that you believe deserves recognition for their commitment, compassion, and professionalism? The NDIA Awards Committee is encouraging members to nominate those who have demonstrated such outstanding service so that the NDIA can acknowledge them for their hard work and dedication.

We know that there are several defense community members who are worthy of being nominated for this award. Please nominate an NDIA member that you believe deserves acknowledgment for their exemplary work in the defense of the indigent and deserves recognition as the next Member of the Year recipient.

Criteria for Member of the Year

Nominees must:

- Be members of NDIA in good standing
- Perform their duties in defense of the indigent in an exemplary manner with dedication, patience, persistence, professionalism, creativity, ingenuity, and ethical integrity
- Submit a letter of nomination by an NDIA member, supervisor or an attorney from their office
- Submit 2 letters of recommendation from persons familiar with their work, other than the nominator
- Have all the required information to the NDIA Awards Committee Chair by **March 14, 2026**

In the selection process, the Awards Committee Chair will confirm that the individuals nominated are members of the NDIA in good standing. The Awards Committee receives all the information, forms, and letters of the Nominees. The Awards Committee will review the letters of nomination and other recommendations. The Awards Committee will then submit their own individual votes to the Awards Committee Chair.

The announcement of the winners for the Member of the Year Awards will take place at the NDIA National Conference, April 21-24, 2026, in New Orleans, LA.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Beverly Davidson, NDIA Executive Director, at (860) 810-2296 or via e-mail, nationaldefender@gmail.com.

Thank you and hope to see you in New Orleans!

Shawn Tobin
NDIA Awards Committee Chair

DEADLINE: March 14, 2026

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MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name: _____

Investigator Paralegal Mitigation Specialist Social Worker

Agency/Office: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Person Nominating: _____

NDIA Member Supervisor Co-Worker Attorney

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Nomination: _____ Signature: _____

REASON FOR NOMINATION

This should be a concise and definitive statement of why you believe the nominee deserves to receive the award.

Please forward the completed form by email nationaldefender@gmail.com, or by fax (866) 668-9858, no later than **March 14, 2026**. Presentations of awards will be at the President's Reception at the NDIA National Conference, April 21-24, 2026, in New Orleans, LA.

For further information or questions, contact Beverly Davidson, NDIA Executive Director, at (860) 810-2296 or nationaldefender@gmail.com.