Criteria for CASD Advocacy Awards

Outstanding Advocate Awards are given to individuals (or teams), based in San Diego, responsible for resulting connection with representation of a client in a contested proceeding or civil or criminal matter. Nominations will be considered after a result demonstrating outstanding advocacy has been obtained. After a nomination is made, the nominator has 60 days to submit the data requested by the Awards Committee through its appointed investigator(s). Awards are presented at a dinner meeting.

The criteria for an Outstanding Advocate award are listed below. The order in which they are listed is of no particular significance.

- Consideration of the importance and uniqueness of the issues involved;
- Amount and timing of any settlement offers;
- Liability aspects of the case;
- Nature and complexity of the issues involved;
- Qualifications and experience of the opposing counsel;
- Qualifications and experience of the nominated counsel;
- Counsel’s familiarity with the subject matter of the case;
- Time constraints associated with the case;
- Conduct of counsel during the case;
- Ingenuity of counsel in the advocacy of the client’s case or cause;
- The results obtained by the nominated counsel;
- Financial hardship involved; and
- Client issues.

* Based in San Diego, defined.

At the time of the arbitration or settlement giving rise to the nomination:

1. The nominee must have been a CASD member; and
   a. The nominee's principal place of business was San Diego County; or
   b. The nominee maintained a physical office, staffed with an attorney, in San Diego County and San Diego County was the venue of the arbitration or settlement.