

The South Dakota Defense Lawyers Association is pleased to  
announce its 2020 Awards

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**Collegiality Award  
Jeffrey Hurd**

*This award honors an SDDLA member for uncompromising client advocacy while unfailingly demonstrating utmost respect for the judicial system, judges, opposing counsel, and other parties.*

Jeff Hurd is a partner in the Rapid City office of the Bangs McCullen Law Firm, where he focuses his practice in health care and business litigation. He graduated from the University of South Dakota Law School in 1990, served as a law clerk to the Chief Judge of the Federal District Court for the District of South Dakota, and has practiced law in Rapid City since 1992. Jeff has an AV rating from Martindale Hubbell (both peer and judicial), is a Great Plains Super Lawyer, and is listed in both Best Lawyers in America and Chambers USA. He is a past-president of the South Dakota Defense Lawyers Association and past South Dakota DRI Representative. Jeff and his wife, Stephanie, have four children and two grandchildren.



**Associate Lawyer Award (Rising Star)  
Emily Swanson-Smoragiewicz**

*This award honors a SDDLA associate member who has consistently demonstrated growing professional excellence and service to his or her community.*

Emily Swanson has been an associate with the Bangs McCullen Law Firm since 2016, practicing in the areas of family law, general civil litigation, real estate disputes, and criminal defense. She graduated from the University of South Dakota School of law in 2014, with Sterling Honors. Following law school, Emily clerked for the Seventh Circuit Court in Rapid City. Emily serves on the Board of Directors for Working Against Violence, Inc. and volunteers by delivering meals for the Meals on Wheel Program.