

The South Dakota Defense Lawyers Association is pleased to  
announce its 2022 Awards

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**Collegiality Award**

**Greg Erlandson**

*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.*

Prior to attending law school, Greg served in the United States Marine Corps and worked for a lobbying association during the State's legislative session. During law school, he served as the President of the Client Counseling and Negotiations Board and as a member of the Law School Disciplinary Committee. After graduation, Greg served as the law clerk for the Chief Justice of the South Dakota Supreme Court and then joined Bangs McCullen's Rapid City office. He is active in the South Dakota and American Bar Association and serves on several committees at the state and national level, including service as a State Bar Commissioner, a member of the South Dakota Ethics Committee and the South Dakota Practice Rules Committee, and a member of the Defense Research Institute's Professionalism & Ethics Committee Member. Greg is a Charter Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America, a Member of the Trial Law Institute and Member of the Diversity Law Institute. Greg also served on the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Parole. Greg has been named in the Best Lawyers in America, Top Great Plains Lawyers, Great Plains Super Lawyers, and holds an AV Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.



**Associate Lawyer Award (Rising Star)**

**Ashley Brost**

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

Ashley Brost is a South Dakota civil litigation attorney at Davenport Evans. A native of Sioux Falls, Ashley joined the firm in 2018. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana University and a Masters from the University of Sioux Falls. She spent several years teaching middle school before attending law school at the University of South Dakota. After completing law school, Ashley clerked for the Honorable Roger L. Wollman of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Ashley has been also appointed as a Criminal Justice Act defense attorney for the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. These federal criminal cases come through appointment by the Court under the Criminal Justice Act.

Outside of work, Ashley serves on the Board of Directors for McCrossan Boys Ranch and the Family Visitation Center, and volunteers as a Sioux Empire Teen Court judge. She also serves as a Lutheran Social Services Everyday Heroes Mentor and an Augustana University Alumni Mentor. In her free time, Ashley enjoys traveling to new places and spending time with her family and friends.

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***Robert C. Riter, Sr. Award for  
Distinguished Service***

***Rob Anderson***

***This Award is for exceptional service to the SDDLA on a  
continuing and sustained basis.***

Rob Anderson was born in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, and graduated from the University of Minnesota. He attended and graduated from the University of South Dakota Law School and, since that time, has practiced law at May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson in Pierre. He has a broad-based experience in both civil and criminal litigation and has argued numerous cases before the South Dakota Supreme Court and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. In recent years, his practice has focused on governmental liability, representing the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance and its members, as well as the State PEPL Fund and state employees. He is a member of DRI, the American Board of Trial Advocates, and the American College of Trial Lawyers. He would rather hunt than work, but gas and shotgun shells are not free.



Please consider sending in a nomination for our meeting November 3-4, 2023 in Deadwood, SD.

- 1) **The Robert C. Riter, Sr. Distinguished Service Award** – is granted to the SDDLA member for his or her exceptional service to the SDDLA on a sustained basis.
- 2) **Collegiality Award** – is given annually to recognize one of its members for uncompromising client advocacy while unfailingly demonstrating utmost respect for the justice system, judges, opposing council, and other parties.
- 3) **Rising Star Award** – is given annually to recognize an associate lawyer

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