



Professional Development Consortium



PDC Richard Pearson Award

Submission Deadline: October 26, 2018

PDC is pleased to continue to honor the memory of Richard Pearson, long-time member and stalwart in the PD community, with an award of excellence in his name.

The award recognizes a current PDC member who exemplifies the wonderful qualities that Richard brought to the PDC: an innovative spirit, a demonstrated commitment to teaching and mentoring, and a passionate, life-long love of learning.

About Richard Pearson:

In March of 2014, we lost our colleague and friend, Richard Pearson. He passed away unexpectedly while rowing, one of the great joys and passions in his life. He was a longtime PDC member and immense contributor to our profession. He had a warm and engaging personality that inspired those around him.

A native of British Columbia, Richard had 20 years of international experience, having lived and worked in London and Hong Kong, where he ran his own leadership development practice consulting to Fortune 500 companies and professional firms. He was passionate about coaching and learning and took a special interest in designing engaging and effective meetings. At Davis Wright & Tremaine in Seattle, he served as the firm's Chief Learning & Development Officer. While in that role, he helped create the competency-based performance management system that forms the basis of the firm's professional development activities, including learning, coaching, on-the-job learning and mentoring.

Richard served on the PDC's Board from 2011 – 2013 and also helped create the Pacific Northwest local PD group. In 2012, he chaired the PDC's Summer Conference in Seattle, which featured the PDC's first ever Innovation Tournament, in which all attendees – over the course of the conference – were asked to create and “pitch” proposals for enhancing lawyers' professional development.

Richard was the proud father of two children, Tory and Charlie. He also was an avid fitness enthusiast as he enjoyed basketball, yoga, golf, tennis, cycling and rowing, in which he competed at the local, regional and national level. His academic credentials included a law degree from Dalhousie University, coaching certification from the Hudson Institute of Coaching, and a master's degree in law firm leadership and management from The George Washington University.



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PDC Richard Pearson Award Nomination Form

I would like to nominate the following person for the 2018 PDC Richard Pearson Award. You are welcome to nominate yourself.

Nominee: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions about the nominee: **Entry should be limited to three pages**

1. Please describe how the nominee has “exemplified the wonderful qualities that Richard brought to the PDC: an innovative spirit, a demonstrated commitment to teaching and mentoring, and a passionate, life-long love of learning.”
2. Please provide information covering the nominee's relevant contributions and activities to the PD community, including the PDC.

Qualifications and Selection Process:

- The nominee must be a current PDC member.
- If you nominated yourself or someone in the past, feel free to nominate the individual again.
- All individuals who are nominated will be notified and the nominator will be attributed. If you **do not** want to be attributed for your nomination, please contact PDC staff upon submission of your nomination form.
- The honoree will be notified the week of November 5, 2018 by the Richard Pearson Award Selection Committee.
- The award will be presented at the PDC Winter Meeting in Washington, DC on November 28, 2018. The honoree need not be present.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Submit nominations to PDC Headquarters by October 26, 2018 to Becca Sechrist at bsechrist@pdclegal.org.