

The Nominations Committee presents the following candidates for the NRRDA Board of Directors 2025-2028 term:

Attorney Candidates – Two open seats

Tarush Anand, McGlinchey (incumbent)

I have been a dedicated member of NRRDA since 2015, actively participating in annual conferences, seminars, and various committees. Three years ago, I was honored to be elected to the Board of Directors, and I am now seeking reelection for a second term. My unique combination of legal and industry experience, including a background in Hotel and Restaurant Management, allows me to bring valuable insights to the Board. During my first term, I served as the Board Liaison for the Scholarship/Sponsorship Committee, where we set sponsorship records and increased scholarships. I am proud of these accomplishments and look forward to continuing this progress. I appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth.

Stuart Colburn, Downs & Stanford, P.C.

All organizations benefit with having both colleagues with lengthy periods of institutional knowledge and those with new ideas and fresh energy. NRRDA Board attorney members should include specialists in both liability and workers' compensation (WC). I offer fresh ideas and passion for all things WC, from both a state and national perspective.

With the encouragement of my friend Kurt Leisure, I joined NRRDA four years ago and brought my law partner, Pamea Pierce with me. Together, we have attended every conference and Lighthouse event, participated in committee planning meetings, and selected to speak numerous times (including dressing up in a skeleton costume and serving as a model patient for an orthopedic evaluation by a doctor we brought with us.) My conference experience includes serving as the founder and first chair of the State Bar of Texas Workers' Compensation Section and leader of its conference. I am currently on the Board that plans the National Workers' Compensation Conference. (And I have chaired, planned, or spoke at many other conferences.) And my defense experience includes defending NRRDA members in their WC claims and writing a WC book for Lexis.

I am old and new and bring a valuable and different voice to the NRRDA board.

Deedee Gasch, Cranville Sumner

I was introduced to NRRDA in 2019 when I attended a panel meeting at the annual conference. I quickly realized it was more than just an organization—it was a community. Since then, I have been an active member, attending every annual conference, participating in lighthouse events, and serving on both the Annual Conference and Membership Committees. Known for enthusiastically fostering connections (and occasionally interrupting a golfer's backswing to

raise money for industry scholarships), I am passionate about strengthening relationships and driving collaboration. With a deep appreciation for the organization and the unique value each member brings, I am committed to NRRDA's growth and continued success. Running for a board seat is a natural next step for me to further contribute to this incredible organization. I would be honored for the opportunity to serve and to help elevate the NRRDA experience for all members.

Lauren Motola-Davis, Lewis Brisbois

I am honored to submit my name as a candidate for the Board of Directors of NRRDA. I have practiced as a defense attorney for 39 years and have been a member of NRRDA since 2017. I have served on the NRRDA Light House and Workers' Compensation Committees for over 4 years. I am the Managing Partner of the Providence; Rhode Island office of Lewis Brisbois and I also practice in Massachusetts. I am the Co-Chair of our Women's Initiative Committee, and I serve on my firm's Executive Marketing Committee.

Of interest is the fact that I spent my high school and college years working in restaurants and I developed teamwork, customer service and great time managements skills. Unfortunately, I did not learn how to cook in all the restaurants that I worked at and as a result I auditioned five years ago for the Bravo TV show called "Worst Cooks in America".

I am not your typical NRRDA member as I handle both General Liability and Workers' Compensation claims and lawsuits. I represent hotels, restaurants and retail establishments in litigation involving premises liability, negligent security, liquor liability, foodborne illness and employment and labor.

NRRDA's annual conferences are so informative, topical and fun. I really enjoy helping my clients in the retail, restaurant and hotel industry reduce their claims and mitigate risk. NRRDA is a wonderful resource for businesses, attorneys, insurance companies and TPA's. I will be an asset to NRRDA as I have so much experience in the hotel, restaurant, and retail worlds.

Each candidate has 3-5 minutes for an oral presentation on Tuesday, March 4 at the NRRDA Member Meeting at the Omni Fort Worth.

Paper ballots will be distributed at the conclusion of the presentations. and results will be announced on Wednesday, March 5 during morning announcements.