NOMINATION FOR OUTSTANDING INVENTOR AWARD

It is time to make your nominations for the HIPLA Outstanding Inventor Award. Nominations must be received by **May 11, 2018.**

A nomination form follows. The Outstanding Inventor Award Committee will evaluate the nominations and choose the recipients for the award. The winners will be announced after the Committee meets in May and the winners will be invited to speak at a subsequent meeting of HIPLA. Worthy inventors can be recognized only if our members take the time to make nominations. If you nominated someone in the past and would like to renew the nomination, please provide any appropriate updates.

You are encouraged to emphasize the commercial success or economic importance of the invention or inventions made by your nominee.

Please send your nominations to: Jennifer S. Sickler

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*Please note that the Committee expects to present the Outstanding Inventor Award at HIPLA’s June 2018 meeting, which will likely take place the third full week of June (June 19-22). The Committee encourages the Nominator(s) and Nominee to be available for a lunch meeting during that time, should the Nominee be selected as Award winner.*

If you have any questions about the award process, or you are interested in serving on the Committee, please contact Jennifer Sickler at 713-653-8611. The Committee looks forward to receiving your nominations.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Note that the selection or rejection of the nominee for this award will hinge primarily upon facts set out in Section I, which should include the following:

1. Identify the U.S. patent or patents for which the nomination is being made, with a detailed description of the invention(s), and a brief history of the invention(s).

* All nominations must be based on inventions having at least one United States patent. The committee will consider a nomination based on an invention covered by an existing or even an expired patent.
* Attach copies of the patent(s) describing the invention(s), and feel free to include any visual aids.

1. Describe the specific contribution of the invention(s) to society, its commercial success, and the impact the invention has had on Texas and the Gulf Coast area. All nominations must be based upon:

* an invention that has significantly impacted the Texas Gulf Coast area, or
* an invention that was developed in the Texas Gulf Coast area, or
* an invention made by an inventor now living in the Texas Gulf Coast area.

1. Identify any known litigation, interference or other proceeding that involves or involved the invention(s) or patent(s). The committee will not consider inventions based on patents: (a) currently in litigation (including re­examination, reissue, interference proceedings and *inter partes* reviewor similar proceeding) or (b) that have been held unenforceable or invalid.
2. Nominators must be HIPLA members. Any member may make any number of nominations.

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* 1. Description of an Embodiment of the Invention(s) Forming the Basis of the Nomination (Please attach additional pages if needed)
  2. Background Information (Please attach additional pages if needed)
  3. Nominee:
     1. Name and address of inventor
     2. Birthday (if known)
  4. Attach a current resume for the nominee, or list the educational accomplishments of, career positions, current professional memberships (including offices held), and the nominee's prior awards.
  5. List the nominee's U.S. patents by number and title (a Westlaw/Lexis printout or equivalent is sufficient). Where the nominee is a co-inventor, the names of joint inventors should also be given. (Note: only a copy of the patent(s) described in Section I should be attached.)

**III. Nominator(s)**

1. Name and address of each HIPLA member who is nominating the named inventor, including business affiliation.
2. Signature(s) of nominator(s).

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