



## PROCEDURES

The American Antitrust Institute (AAI) 2019 Antitrust Enforcement Awards will recognize achievements in antitrust litigation by legal practitioners and economists. The Awards will be presented at a gala dinner on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, following the AAI's Annual Private Antitrust Enforcement Conference.

### **Judging Committee:**

A Judging Committee shall be established by appointments made by the AAI. Appointments shall be for an initial term of one year. Judges shall be ineligible to receive an award. Judges also shall be recused from voting on a nominee if: (1) they played any role in the preparation of the nominee's case under consideration for an award; (2) they work for an organization that employs the nominee under consideration for an award, or have any financial connection with such nominee; or (3) they worked on another case with, or opposite to, such nominee in the preceding 18-month period. Should any dispute arise about the need for recusal that cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of all members of the Judging Committee, the matter shall be finally determined by the Committee Chair.

The Judging Committee shall consist of no more than fourteen, nor less than six, members. A Committee Chair shall be appointed to preside over the Judging Committee. The AAI President shall endeavor to achieve a reasonable degree of diversity in these appointments with respect to occupation in private and academic sectors, and professional background in law and economics.

### **Award Qualifications:**

To become eligible for consideration, nominations must relate to antitrust-focused litigation that:

- (a) was initiated in or appealed in any U.S. state or federal court; and
- (b) resulted (whether or not subject to appeal) in a final judgment, verdict, dismissal, conviction, injunction, order, or settlement between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

### **Criteria:**

Awards shall be granted in three categories, the requirements and criteria for which are outlined in detail below.

#### ***Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice***

This award is limited to private civil actions. Nominees can include a law firm, a law firm team, or individual practitioner(s). Nominees will be judged on:

- (a) the benefit realized by the client, consumers, or class; and
- (b) the positive development of antitrust policy.

### ***Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement by a Young or Newly Admitted Lawyer***

This award is limited to private civil actions. Nominees should be individual practitioner(s) under 40 years old or admitted to practice for 10 years or less. Nominees will be judged on:

- (a) the individual's contribution to the case;
- (b) the benefit realized by the client, consumers, or class; and
- (c) the positive development of antitrust policy.

### ***Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Economics***

This award is limited to contributions within government or private civil or criminal antitrust litigation by an individual economist, team of economists, or economic consulting firm.

Nominees will be judged on:

- (a) contribution to the development of antitrust-related economic methodology, analysis, and/or presentation; and
- (b) the positive development of antitrust policy.

### **Procedures:**

*Form of Nominations.* The AAI shall create and disseminate a simple form for submission of nominations for the awards. Submissions may be made by any person, including members of the Judging Committee, except that a Committee member's nomination shall be void if it would require the member's recusal in any award category. Both third-party and self-nominations are accepted. Nominators may enter multiple nominations. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted. There is no submission fee.

*Timing and Eligibility of Nominations.* A call for submissions will be made on June 1, 2019, with reminders issued (as needed) during the remainder of the submission period. The submission period will close on August 30, 2019. The Judging Committee will confirm eligibility of nominations under the awards criteria between August 31, 2019 and September 30, 2019. Eligible nominations may be supplemented by or with the approval of the Committee in its discretion, in the interest of fairness.

*Committee Deliberations.* The Judging Committee shall complete its review of nominations and selection of honorees in each category on or before September 30, 2019. Prior to the selection of honorees, Committee members shall rank the nominees in each category by secret ballot, and the Committee Chair shall disseminate aggregate ranking results to the full Committee. An absentee Committee member shall be deemed to have abstained. After consideration of aggregate ranking results and oral deliberations, the Committee shall seek a majority consensus on the honorees to be chosen in each category. Absent a majority consensus, or otherwise at the discretion of the Committee Chair, any Committee member may call for a majority vote by secret ballot to resolve a disagreement.

*Maximum Number of Honorees.* There shall be no more than four honorees in each award category.

Honorees will be notified of their selection on or about October 1, 2019, at which time they will also be notified that they are requested to be present at the November 12, 2019 gala dinner to accept their award.

### **Recognition of Awards:**

Honorees will be presented with an engraved trophy. Should honorees wish to purchase additional matching trophies for their teammates and other firm members, they can do so for an additional fee per trophy.