

JACK LIPPMAN RECEIVES THE 2014 DONALD C. MACDONALD AWARD

*Presentation Remarks by John Perez,
'Mac' Award Committee Member and past recipient*



*Jack Lippman receives the "Mac" Award at the
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It is not a title that makes a person but rather what is in their heart, what they have demonstrated throughout life without consideration of notoriety or fame, what truly reflects the principles and professionalism of that person.

Although titles are bestowed to individuals as they progress through life, it is the consistent pattern ethical, moral, and professional conduct that is most significant; one that distinguishes one person from another.

This committee is once again called upon to review the qualifications of candidates for the prestigious NAPPS Donald C. "MAC" MacDonald Award. We are to consider, and determine, who among the candidates has demonstrated "uncompromising dedicated service, exceptional visionary insight, and focused unwavering leadership for the betterment of the National Association of Professional Process Servers". I would add, "and to the process service profession."

I have known this year's recipient since I began attending the annual meetings of his state association in the mid 90's, and since. There, I always found him to be a vocal advocate of issues that he believed in, regardless of those who voiced opposing views, all for the betterment of the process service profession.

Like many others now in the process service profession, he evolved into it from other prior business endeavors. He was a member of the New York Stock Exchange before retiring. There, he sought other business opportunities. He established a commercial printing business. While so engaged, he became aware of a relative of a business acquaintance who was serving process. He began sharing space in his printing business with this process server so that person could operate his business. Soon, the attraction of serving process as a business opportunity got his attention. He printed brochures and his daughter, a school teacher, helped distribute them to local law firms. The business started coming in, he left the printing business, and

concentrated solely on process serving. He became a member of NAPPS in 1995. The rest is now part of his history, and legacy.

Although I have prefaced this commentary with the statement that a title does not make a person, a review of his former "titles" within his state association and NAPPS is indicative of the type of person that he is, and his consistent commitment to the process service profession on the state and national levels.

He is a principal in a family owned and operated professional process service business.

In his state association, he served as:

- Director
- Treasurer
- President 1999-2001
- Legislative Committee Chair

In NAPPS, he has served as:

- Director
- First Vice President
- Legislative Committee Chair
- Arbitration & Grievance Committee Chair
- Roundtable Moderator at Annual Conferences

His keen understanding of financial issues, perhaps because of his prior experience was obvious; one that I saw repeatedly expressed on numerous occasions at state association and NAPPS meetings. Whether he was a member of the Board or not, Jack consistently reviewed the financial reports of the associations raising questions he thought important for the membership. On issues brought before the Boards, he often rendered his opinions, and after discussions and deliberations, sometimes changed his position on an issue. This demonstrated a willingness to engage in discussions, consider the arguments for or against an issue, and render a final opinion that he felt was in the best interest of the associations.

As the legislative committee chair for both his state association and NAPPS, he has been instrumental in having laws adopted, or not adopted, that affected professional process servers. In his state he was responsible for having a statute passed that now permits service of process upon a private mailbox

facility. Another, was a statute to permit service upon an employee of a registered agent if the agent did not abide by the statute making himself available during designated hours. Additionally, he was responsible for having the sheriff fees for service raised from \$20 to \$40, thereby benefiting private process servers who were able to increase their fees as well.

As the NAPPS Legislative Committee Chair, he monitored and reported court rule or legislative proposals that affected the profession. In South Carolina, he appeared before the Civil Practice Committee and helped defeat a proposed court rule change that would have adversely affected process servers in that state by permitting service of process by mail. His persuasive arguments succeeded despite the South Carolina Bar Association's support of mail service, a formidable task, indeed.

As the NAPPS Arbitration and Grievance Chair, he received, processed and presented to the NAPPS Board issues that involved member ethical and professional conduct. He consistently remained impartial allowing the Board to render its own decisions based on the merits.

Although he has taken positions on a variety of issues, some of which were contentious, he has always expressed himself in a dignified, professional manner, respectful of others. In my experiences, I have not seen the politics of either association affect his views, or decisions. He has always demonstrated respect for others.

His participation and varied experiences throughout the years on the state and national levels have consistently demonstrated an uncompromising, dedicated service to the process service profession, exceptional visionary insight, and focused unwavering leadership for the betterment of the profession. A title may not make a person, but the honor of bestowing the **NAPPS Donald C. "Mac" MacDonald Award** upon **Jack Lippman** recognizes the character and achievements.

Congratulations Jack Lippman, our friend.