

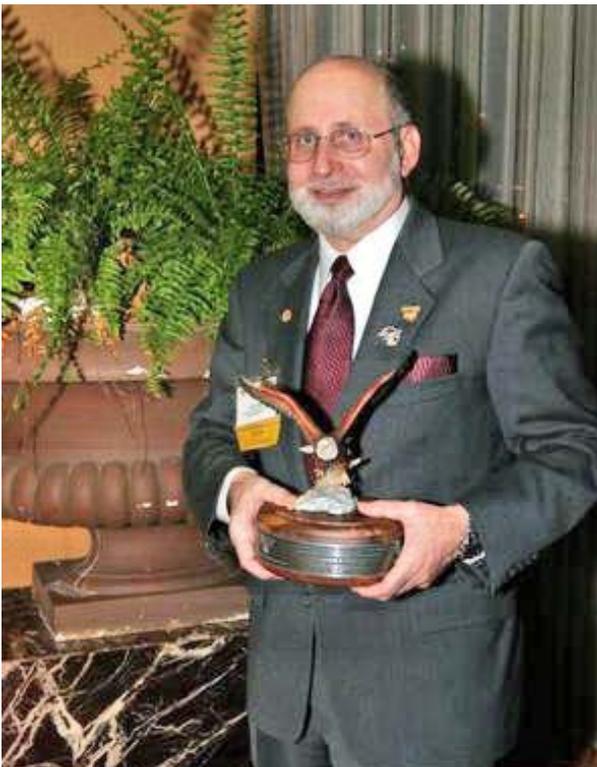
Andrew R. Estin Wins the 2004 “Donald C. ‘Mac’ MacDonald Award”

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“In appreciation for your uncompromising dedicated service, exceptional visionary insight and focused, unwavering leadership for the betterment of the National Association of Professional Process Servers.” These are the words that are engraved on the 2004 “Donald C. ‘Mac’ MacDonald Award” trophy and they describe this year’s winner perfectly.

Andy Estin became a leader in the development of the process serving industry at a very early age. He served thirteen months in Viet Nam as a United States Marine and was discharged at the rank of Sergeant while still in his early twenties. Andy’s first job in the industry was with Alex Rifkind Attorney Service in Los Angeles. It was 1969 and important things were happening. It was the year that the California Association of Photocopiers and Process Servers (CAPPS) was formed and several bills in the legislature required close attention. It was also the year that the nation’s first law to register process servers was enacted. In 1973 CAPPS’ membership elected Andy to the office of President. Since then, he has held various offices and has served on their Board of Directors for twenty-seven years.

Andy’s horizons suddenly expanded in 1982. CAPPS Member Thomas Bowman Jr. opened the local San Jose



*Andy Estin proudly holds
the NAPPS Donald C. ‘Mac’ MacDonald Award.
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newspaper one summer morning to read that the Advisory Committee of the U.S. Supreme Court was about to effect a change in Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The proposed change would permit service by mail. Tom reported his finding and concern to fellow CAPPS Member Joe Karotkin and then to Andy. The seed from which NAPPS germinated was planted that day. Tom Bowman and Andy Estin took the lead in putting the fledgling organization together. A serious disaster for the industry was averted when they were able to get the proposed mailing bill amended to conform to the California notice and acknowledgement method of service.

Andy was one of the 42 process servers who attended the October 1982 formation meeting of NAPPS in Las Vegas. He was subsequently elected to be the founding president of the new association. Andy has served numerous terms as an officer or director of NAPPS and is a treasured resource for his strategies and knowledge in fighting adverse legislation. Andy has appeared before the Washington legislature to testify against mailing bills and he has testified on behalf of CAPPS before the California Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees. In addition, Andy has assisted state associations in Texas, Arizona and Pennsylvania with either fighting mailing bills or assisting with the drafting of licensing bills.

CAPPS recognized Andy’s contributions to the industry by presenting him with the prestigious Bert Rosenthal Memorial Award in 1980. CAPPS created this award in 1979 in order to recognize

individuals who have given the utmost service and dedication to promoting the process serving industry. In 2002, NAPPS established the “Donald C. ‘Mac’ MacDonald Award for Professionalism & Distinguished Service.” Andy Estin is the third deserving winner of this coveted award.

Andrew R. Estin is currently Vice President of American Legal Support Services Inc. in Los Angeles. Andy is a registered process server in Los Angeles County and it is indeed quite fitting that the Registration Number he has been assigned is “Number One.”