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ABFO Awards

Haskell Pitluck Award

This award is given to a non-odontologist that has served the ABFO community in an exemplary fashion. The first recipient of this award is the namesake of the award, Judge Haskell Pitluck, who has served the ABFO selflessly, with great passion for many years. This first Haskell Pitluck award was bestowed to Judge Pitluck on 02/20/2012.

This Award will be given in the future at the discretion of the ABFO Board of Directors to a worthy recipient.

February 20, 2012
February 18, 2013
February 17, 2014
February 15, 2015
February 18, 2018
February 15, 2021
February 19, 2024

Judge Haskell Pitluck
William Hyzer
Candy Ross
Stephen Kinney
Dr. John Melville, MD
Dan Hines (MSgt, ret.)
Ken Melson, JD

John M. Williams Humanitarian Service Award

John Williams Humanitarian Award To be given to an forensic odontologist whenever appropriate who exemplifies humanitarian service in the spirit of Dr. John M. Williams, the first award to be given to Dr. John Williams posthumously.

This Award will be given in the future at the discretion of the ABFO Board of Directors to a worthy recipient.

February 17, 2013

John M. Williams, DDS

Robert Emmett Barsley Award for Forensic Odontology Excellence and Development

When Bob Barsley, DDS, JD, DABFO received the 2015 Alumnus of the Year award from Louisiana State University School of Dentistry, he was described by Dr. Frank Martello as having “endless energy and dedication to our profession (that) has been truly admirable and commendable.” These accolades were accurate and also appropriately describe his extensive career in forensic dentistry.

Bob’s generous spirit, thoughtful nature, willingness to share, and eagerness to help anyone he could were hallmarks of his character.

This award is given to a forensic odontologist who, by following the example set by the award’s namesake, has achieved excellence in and dedication to the field of forensic odontology and has shared that excellence and dedication by providing significant assistance to others in developing their forensic odontology skills and facilitating their progress toward entry into organized forensic odontology.

This award will be given to a worthy recipient at the discretion of the ABFO Board of Directors.

February 15, 2021

Paula Brumit DDS, D-ABFO

February 13, 2023

David Senn, DDS, D-ABFO