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2007 Solo and Small Firm Trainer Award
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Bruce L. Dorner

Bruce L. Dorner is the first recipient of the ABA GP|Solo and Small Firm Division's Trainer Award.

Bruce worked with Deb Owen, former Staff Director of the General Practice Division and the ABA Standing Committee on Solo & Small Firm Practitioners to create Solosez in 1995, and since then he has been the driving force in its development as the premier online community of nearly 2,500 subscribers. Dorner chairs the Division's Technology Committee and serves on the *GP|Solo Technology & Practice Guide* Editorial Board.

He has helped individuals, families and small businesses solve legal problems for more than 28 years as a solo practitioner. Dorner was the Founding Chair of the New Hampshire Bar Association Technology Section and served as Chair of their Law Practice Management Section. He has served on numerous committees ranging from CLE to computing to mentoring and was recognized as Pro Bono Attorney of the Year in 2005.

Within the ABA, Dorner has been vice-chair of the Law Practice Management Computer & Technology Division, sat on the TechShow board, served as editor of *Word Progress*, was a contributing editor to *Flying Solo Volume II*, sat on the LPM council, and has served on the Standing Committee on Solo & Small Firm Practitioners. He has been a faculty member on countless live, telephone and online seminars on topics ranging from technology to DUI defense.

He has served on the Law Technology News editorial advisory board, co-authored the Circuit Court column in *Law Office Computing Magazine*, and has lectured about law office automation

and management for many state bar associations and private corporations. He served on the John Marshall Law Schools Practice Management Technology Board. Dorner writes monthly columns helping lawyers maximize technology and management techniques for Lawyers USA (formerly known as Lawyers Weekly USA), and he has served as an adjunct faculty member at River Colleges paralegal program. Testing software and components in a real-life law office, he offers computer and management consulting services for solo and small firms throughout New England.

While maintaining a successful practice as a solo and a Main Street lawyer Mr. Dorner has made significant contributions to the training and education of lawyers and law students about the opportunities and pitfalls of solo and small firm practice, bringing solid common-sense approaches to a wide variety of applications.



I have known Bruce for ten years, first as an active in the LPM Section, then as a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Solo and Small Firm Practitioners, and now as a fellow member of the GP Solo Technology Committee. Through these years, Bruce has been tireless in his volunteer efforts to help his fellow solos become better practitioners.

His primary "training" vehicle has been Solosez. If anything, Bruce could be called the "Father of Solosez". He helped launch this valuable resource, and has sheperded its growth from infancy to now almost 2500 solo and small firm lawyers across the US and around the world. Bruce is not only one of the first Solosezzers to respond to an on-line question, he works behind the scenes to make sure Solosez is an effective and efficient tool to help lawyers share information. Because of Solosez, thousands of solo practitioners are better lawyers today. Without Bruce, I doubt Solosez would be what it is today.

As chair of the GP|Solo Technology Committee, and formerly as an active member of the Law Practice Management Section, Bruce helps countless lawyers understand the role of technology in a small firm, and to help them implement the right technology for their practice.

Bruce also helps solo and small firm practitioners through his column in Lawyers Weekly. These columns are written in Bruce's practical no-nonsense style, stripped of jargon so that every reader can understand how to use technology to better serve their clients.

I fully support Bruce's nomination for the GP|Solo Trainer Award for all his efforts to help solo and small firm lawyers learn about technology and practice management, who in-turn deliver better quality services to their clients. Bruce understands lawyers, and lawyers understand Bruce. That's what a great trainer is all about!

Sincerely, Reid Trautz

