

# INVENTOR OF THE YEAR

## DECEMBER 12, 2019



**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**  
**ZOSAN SOONG, SENIOR PATENT COUNSEL**  
**XEROX CORPORATION**

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**DR. JUDE SAUER, PRESIDENT & CEO**  
**LSI SOLUTIONS**

### **RIPLA's Distinguished Inventor of the Year Award**

Since 1976, RIPLA has recognized as "Distinguished Inventor of the Year" an individual or team of individuals from the local community for their contributions to the useful arts. The RIPLA Distinguished Inventor of the Year award winners represent a wide cross-section of fields of endeavor - from academia and independent entrepreneurial efforts to Fortune 500 corporate research and development organizations.

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Presenting a Diversity Program to fulfill the bi-annual CLE  
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## **2019 Nominees**

**Dr. Omar Aljitawi, M.D.**

Associate Professor  
University of Rochester Medical Center

**Tara Astigarraga,**

Senior Technical Staff Member, Master  
Inventor  
IBM Research, Hybrid Cloud Services

**Peter Dillon and**  
**Albert Brault, Ph.D.**

Kodak Research Laboratories

**Diane M Herrick,**

Project Management, EPS Engineering &  
Service, Print Systems Division  
Eastman Kodak Company,  
and

**Donna Suchy,**

Managing Counsel, Intellectual Property  
Collins Aerospace

**Dr. Michael Kurdziel, Ph.D., PE,**  
**PMP**

Director and Chief Engineer, Systems and  
Technology  
Communication Systems/L3Harris  
Technologies

**Michael Soures**

Technical Specialist Project Manager  
and

**Erwin Ruiz**

Sr. Systems Engineer  
Xerox Corporation

**Dr. Richard Moore, M.D.**

Professor and Director of the Gynecologic  
Oncology Division  
and

**Rakesh Singh, Ph.D., M. Phil,**

Research Associate Professor  
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
University of Rochester

**Dr. Yi-Tao Yu, Ph.D.,**

Dean's Professorship, Professor  
Department of Biochemistry and  
Biophysics  
University of Rochester

# 2019 RIPLA

## INVENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD CEREMONY

**WHEN:** December 12, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**3:30-4:00 p.m. Registration**

**4:00-5:00 p.m. Continuing Legal Education, 1.0 Diversity Credit**

**5:00-6:00 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres**

**6:00 p.m. Keynote address, followed by awards presentation**

**WHERE:** Casa Larga Vineyards, 2287 Turk Hill Rd, Fairport, NY 14450

**COST:** Per person: \$40.00  
Reservation of one table seating eight with sponsorship recognition:  
\$500.00

PAY BY CHECK	PAY BY PAYPAL
Mail check and completed registration form to Bryan Smith at:  Pepper Hamilton, LLP 70 LINDEN OAKS, SUITE 210 Rochester, New York 14625	Send completed registration form to Bryan Smith at smithbc@pepperlaw.com (no need to PDF the form) and pay at:  ripla.org/2019-inventor-of-the-year

**Note:** Either payment method may be used for individual or table registrations. Please provide your corporate logo when purchasing a table. Multiple “per person” registrations may be made by check only.

The Individual Reservation(s) should be reserved under the name(s) of:

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The Table(s) should be reserved under the name of:

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Planned Attendees for the Table(s):

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**Reservations should be received on or before December 6, 2019.**