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**2023 HTCIA CASE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The purpose of this award is to permanently recognize the efforts of individuals in cases involving advanced technologies.

Nomination Process:

In order to submit a nomination, at least one of the participants (investigator, forensic examiner, attorney, etc.) in the case must be an HTCIA member in good standing.

The International Executive Committee (IEC) with the assistance of a committee appointed by the International President will review the nominations. The IEC will vote on the nominees. The case with the most votes will be the award winner.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of factors that will be used to evaluate the nominees:

1. New technology or techniques were expended to resolve the case; OR
2. The case established an important legal precedent;
3. The case involved significant expenditure of resources (manpower and/or technology);
4. The case resolved a particularly violent offense;
5. The case involved a significant dollar loss;
6. Other objective criteria announced by the IEC at the request of nominations.
7. IEC members will abstain from voting in any case which they were directly involved or in cases where they are related by blood or marriage to any of the nominees.

Recognition:

Plaques will be awarded to all individuals designated by the IEC in connection with the Case of the Year award. These individuals will be presented a plaque at the annual HTCIA conference. Plaques can also be given to non-HTCIA members who participated in the case.

The award winner(s) name and year of the award will be added to the HTCIA records and on the HTCIA website.

**Please submit detailed information about the case you would like considered for this year’s award to** **contact@htcia.org** **by August 31, 2023**