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AOBA's Highest Honor Presented to Shaun Pharr

W. Shaun Pharr, Esq., Senior Policy Advisor for AOBA, was honored at AOBA's Annual Meeting on Jan. 21 with the *Sidney Glassman Memorial Award*, AOBA's most prestigious honor. Shaun has served AOBA for more than 25 years. The award honors the legacy of Sidney Glassman, an executive with the Charles E. Smith Company, who was a key architect of today's property management practices. The first AOBA staff member ever to receive the award, Shaun was nominated by members of the Board of Directors

From 1990 to 2005, Shaun served as AOBA's Vice President of Government Affairs for the District of Columbia. He came to AOBA after an 11-year career with the DC Government, where he learned the unique political dynamic of the District as chief of legislative and regulatory affairs for its largest municipal department.

In 2005, Shaun was promoted to AOBA's Senior Vice President, Government Affairs. He served in that role until 2015 and was responsible for implementing and managing AOBA's effective, regional government affairs program. Today, Shaun works part-time as AOBA's Senior Policy Advisor on select issues.

Peggy Jeffers, AOBA's Executive Vice President, who hired Shaun in 1990, spoke about Shaun. "During his outstanding government affairs career, Shaun's wise and thoughtful mind, expert research and writing skills, and unwavering commitment to the education of members and government officials alike, have made him a standout advocate for AOBA.

Shaun is known as a trusted and knowledgeable resource for the media, lawmakers and executive branch officials. He has tirelessly analyzed proposed legislation and regulations, meeting with proponents and affected members to bring balance to policies on matters ranging from taxation to housing, energy management, environmental matters and code regulations. As a result of his vast body of knowledge and unfailing good humor, Shaun's sphere of influence reaches far and wide. He is certainly a very deserving recipient of this award," Jeffers said.

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