Stanley Rodbell, with both law and social work degrees, was one of the first mediators in Maryland to practice the profession full-time. He was active in promoting the mediation through his work on the MCDR Certification Committee and through mentoring newer mediators. He specialized in working with conflict among couples who were divorcing, and worked with hundreds of couples during his career.

The Stanley Rodbell Legacy Award is presented bi-yearly to a mediation practitioner who does one or more of the following:

1. Shows dedication to the profession through long-term ethical practice.
2. Contributes expertise, leadership, time, or creativity to an organization that promotes mediation.
3. Mentors or assists other dispute resolution practitioners.
4. Innovates and creates new models or practices that further the practice of mediation.
5. Conducts research that brings new insights valuable to ADR practitioners.
6. For more information, **please click here**.

**Process:** 3 months prior to the awards event date, we will solicit entries for the award. People can nominate themselves or someone else, and will be asked to fill out a form that lists the 5 criteria and asks for a narrative describing why that individual deserves the award. A pre-formed committee that includes an MCDR Board member, Roz Zinner, and a family member (probably daughter Ally Rodbell) will review the applications and select the winner. The committee will purchase an attractive engraved plaque that will be given to the awardee at the ceremony.