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Ana Maria Triliouris, DDS | Merrick, New York, USA

Dr. Triliouris graduated from New York University College of Dentistry in 1977. Since that time, she has completed numerous continuing education programs at Harvard, Princeton, Boston University, New York University, and others.

Lasers became her passion in 1991, the year she became a Charter member of the Academy of Laser Dentistry (ALD). Over the decades she has served on several ALD committees and as a member of the Board, culminating in her service as the 2011-2012 ALD President. She also served as chair of the ALD Dr. Eugene Seidner Student Scholarship Fund for many years. Under her guidance, the Student Scholarship program expanded to include Research Grants. Dr. Triliouris is the current chair of the Dr. Eugene Seidner Board of Trustees. She is an active member of the American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, Dental Society of the State of New York, American Association of Women Dentists, and a Fellow of the Academy of Laser Dentistry. She maintains a private dental practice in Merrick, New York, and is as passionate about lasers as she was over 29 years ago.

Disclosure: Dr. Triliouris is in private practice and has no other commercial relationships.

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Director at Large

Dr. Glenda Payas, DMD, MALD, MAGD | Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA

Dr. Glenda Payas is a Charter Member of ALD and has been using lasers since its inception in 1993. She holds ALD Advanced Proficiency in carbon dioxide and Er:YAG lasers. Dr. Payas serves as a Trustee for the Dr. Seidner Student Scholarship and Grants Program and has been instrumental in its success. Glenda served as the ALD President in 2013-2014. She retired from private practice in Tulsa, OK in 2017. In 2021, the Academy of Laser Dentistry recognized Glenda's leadership by creating the Dr. Glenda Payas Outstanding Educator Award that honors the accomplishments of a life-long educator in lasers in dentistry.

Disclosure: Dr. Payas has reported no commercial affiliations or personal conflicts of interest.

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Director at Large

Dr. Charles Hoopingarner, DDS, FAGD, MALD | Austin, Texas, USA

Dr. Hoopingarner attended the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Dental Branch, graduating with a DDS in 1973. He has maintained a private practice in Houston, Texas, and was an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Anatomical Sciences for 11 years. He is currently in his 23rd year as an Associate Professor in the Department of General Practice. He was a Clinical Instructor at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies from 1997 to 2007, teaching Advanced Anterior Aesthetics, Comprehensive Anterior Reconstruction, and Advanced Occlusion courses in a live patient educational format. Dr. Hoopingarner has used dental lasers as an integral part of his patient care delivery system for the last 30 years and holds Standard and Advanced Proficiency Certifications for both diode and Er:YAG lasers from the Academy of Laser Dentistry (ALD). He has attained ALD Mastership, is an ALD Recognized Course Provider, and is an ALD Past President. Dr. Hoopingarner has authored numerous articles and lectured internationally on subjects relating to the use of lasers in providing dental care.



Disclosure: Dr. Hoopingarner has reported no relevant conflicts of interest.

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ALD President

Samuel B. Low, DDS, MS, MEd | Palm Coast, Florida, USA

Dr. Low is Professor Emeritus, University of Florida, College of Dentistry, and an Advisor Member of the Pankey Institute. He is a past president of the American Academy of Periodontology and is a current officer of the Academy of Laser Dentistry. Dr. Low provides periodontists, dentists, and dental hygienists with the tools for successfully managing the periodontal patient. He was selected "Dentist of the Year" by the Florida Dental Association, Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Texas Dental School, and recipient of the Gordon Christensen Lecturer Recognition Award. He is a Past President of the Florida Dental Association and past American Dental Association (ADA) Trustee.

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Christopher Walinski, DDS | Valhalla, New York, USA

Dr. Walinski is an Associate Professor in the Department of Dental Medicine at the Touro College of Dental Medicine (TCDM) in Hawthorne, New York. He serves as the Director of Laser Dentistry and is the Laser Safety Officer for TCDM. In addition to his clinical duties, he also lectures and leads lab exercises in the preclinical simulation lab in fixed prosthodontics and esthetic dentistry. Dr. Walinski has served as the Executive Director for the World Clinical Laser Institute since 2010 and is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and the American Society for Lasers in Medicine and Surgery. Dr. Walinski is a past-president and Diplomate of the World Congress of Minimally Invasive Dentistry. Dr. Walinski serves on the ALD Seidner Board of Trustees.



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