Trial Lawyer of the Year Award

CASD members are urged to submit nominations for the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award.

This award is given annually at the Annual Awards and Installation Dinner, usually held in January or February, and is limited to nominations submitted by November 15th of the prior year. The award may be given in connection with a civil case, a criminal case or, under some circumstances, dual awards may be bestowed. The recipient should have a practice based in San Diego County.

The criteria for the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award consists of those listed for the Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award (see below), as well as the following additional considerations:

- Prior receipt of the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award (which shall be considered a negative);
- Multiple verdicts within the preceding 12-18 month period;
- Service to CASD / service to the community; and
- Other cases resolved over the preceding 12-18 months if notable.

Nominations for Trial Lawyer of the Year are to be submitted to CASD by November 15th. Those lawyers who received an Outstanding Trial Lawyer award are automatically considered for Trial Lawyer of the Year. The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and makes a recommendation to the Board. The majority vote of the Board determines the recipient.

CRITERIA FOR OUTSTANDING TRIAL LAWYER AWARD

This award is given to individuals, *based in San Diego, responsible for an outstanding verdict in connection with a jury trial involving a civil or criminal matter. The case must be trial to a verdict read and reported in court as to some portion of the issues involved in the case. The criteria for the award, in no particular order, are:

1. Ingenuity of counsel in the preparation of the case.
2. Conduct of counsel during trial.
3. Time constraints associated with the trial.
4. Counsel’s familiarity with the subject matter of the case.
5. Qualifications of plaintiff’s counsel.
7. Nature of the damages, including causation disputes.
8. Liability aspects of the case, including whether or not liability was contested.
9. Amount and time of any settlement offers and demands.
10. Amount of the verdict.

* Based in San Diego, defined.

At the time of the trial giving rise to the nomination:
1. The nominee must have been a CASD member; and
   a. The nominee's principal place of business was San Diego County; or
   b. The nominee maintained a physical office, staffed with an attorney, in San Diego County and San Diego County was the venue of the trial.