

# Trial Lawyer Excellence 2012 Awards

The 2012 JVR Trial Lawyer Excellence Awards took place on October 17th at the InterContinental Chicago Hotel. This annual ceremony and reception, hosted by the Jury Verdict Reporter, recognizes Illinois lawyers from both sides of the bar for their outstanding trial work. Thirty-nine plaintiff's attorneys and defense counsel received 2012 "Trial Lawyer Excellence Awards" for record verdicts, outstanding client representation and career achievements. Plaintiff's attorney Eugene Pavalon of Pavalon & Gifford and defense attorney John Cassiday of Cassiday Schade each received an annual "Lifetime Achievement Award" for their body of work, leadership, mentoring and contribution to the legal community.

## Congratulations to

### Lifetime Achievement Award

Eugene I. Pavalon, *Pavalon & Gifford* | John D. Cassiday, *Cassiday Schade*



### Outstanding Defense Verdict – Dental Malpractice

Tammera E. Banasek, *Alholm, Monahan, Klauke, Hay & Oldenburg* | LaDonna L. Boeckman, *Green Law Offices*  
John M. Green, *Green Law Offices* | Anne M. Oldenburg, *Alholm, Monahan, Klauke, Hay & Oldenburg*

### Highest Reported Illinois FELA Verdict

James L. Farina, *Hoey & Farina* | George T. Bruggess, *Hoey & Farina*

### Outstanding Defense Verdict – Civil Rights

Manuel Sanchez, *Sanchez, Daniels & Hoffman* | Bradley D. Alexander, *Sanchez, Daniels & Hoffman*

### Highest Reported Lake County Verdict

Patrick A. Salvi, *Salvi Schostok & Pritchard, PC* | Patrick A. Salvi, II, *Salvi Schostok & Pritchard, PC*

### Defense Attorney Career Achievement Awards

Lawrence Helms, *Swanson Martin & Bell, LLP* | Brian T. Henry, *Pretzel & Stouffer* | Catherine C. Reiter, *HeplerBroom LLC*

### Highest Reported Illinois Verdict – Street Hazards

John B. Kralovec, *Kralovec, Jambois & Schwartz* | Nathan J. Mirocha, *Law Offices of Nathan J. Mirocha*  
Michael T. Mullen, *Law Offices of Michael T. Mullen*

### Outstanding Defense Verdict – Premises Liability

Nelson A. Brown, Jr., *Chicago Park District Law Department* | Heather L. Keil, *Chicago Park District Law Department*  
Erik A. Varela, *Chicago Park District Law Department*

### Highest Reported Illinois Award – Psychiatric Malpractice

R. Christopher Barden, Ph.D. | Zachary M. Bravos, *Law Office of Zachary M. Bravos*  
Ruth M. Degnan, *Power, Rogers & Smith* | Todd A. Smith, *Power, Rogers & Smith*

### Outstanding Defense Verdict – Medical Malpractice

William V. Johnson, *Johnson & Bell, Ltd.* | Matthew L. Johnson, *Johnson & Bell, Ltd.* | Erin E. Blake, *Johnson & Bell, Ltd.*

### Highest Reported Illinois Verdict – Nursing Home Malpractice

Steven M. Levin, *Levin & Perconti* | Michael F. Bonamarte, IV, *Levin & Perconti*

### Highest Reported Kane County Verdict

Donald A. Shapiro, *Donald A. Shapiro, Ltd.*

### Highest Reported Illinois Verdict or Settlement 2011-2012

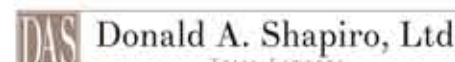
Brad L. Badgley, *Law Office of Brad L. Badgley* | Robert A. Clifford, *Clifford Law Offices* | Collin H. Dunn, *Clifford Law Offices*  
Kevin P. Durkin, *Clifford Law Offices* | Julie Levinson Pustilnik, *Anesi, Ozmon, Rodin, Novak & Kohen, Ltd.*  
Sean P. Murray, *Anesi, Ozmon, Rodin, Novak & Kohen, Ltd.* | Marc A. Taxman, *Anesi, Ozmon, Rodin, Novak & Kohen, Ltd.*

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