



# TRIAL LAWYER HALL OF FAME

## Criteria and Qualifications for Invitation and Induction

### Definition

Definition of a “trial lawyer” for the purpose of Hall of Fame Induction:

- An individual licensed to practice law and who practices law in a trial court, whether state, federal, or international.
- A civil trial lawyer who handles cases and claims involving accident and/or wrongful death victims or other cases on behalf of individual persons or entities in cases filed in a trial court of law.
- A criminal defense attorney representing those members of the public charged with committing a crime (including a misdemeanor or felony) and who need representation in the American or international justice systems or court of law.
- Judges who have a career of exceptional involvement in the management and facilitation of complex cases and civil or criminal jury trials.

### Criteria for Membership

Objective criteria and qualifications uniformly applied for invitation and induction include:

- Trial lawyers or judges who have 30 plus years of practice or service in the specialty of civil and/or criminal defense trial law
- Attorneys must be the minimum age of 60+ years (if living during time of induction)
- Exceptional trial lawyers who represent the best of our profession
- Trial lawyers that have exceeded the expectations of the public and their peers
- Trial lawyers who have clearly established themselves, through their practice, as true champions and crusaders for American justice and the constitutional right to a trial by jury
- Trial lawyers who have left an indelible mark on the American legal tradition through a lifetime of service to the American public, the Constitution, and the American trial bar
- Trial lawyers who exemplify superior qualifications of leadership, reputation, influence, stature and profile as civil or criminal defense trial lawyers
- Trial lawyers whose professional career is devoted to the fight for and preservation of the constitutional right of a trial by jury
- Trial lawyers who have achieved a substantial number of favorable results in high profile or publicly significant cases or legal matters





## Criteria for Membership (continued)

- Special exceptions may be recognized for trial lawyers, or attorneys with extraordinary service to the trial bar, who have provided a lifetime of exceptional dedication and service to clients and the profession – measured by objective criteria uniformly applied to each respective Hall of Fame candidate including:
  1. Size, number, and public significance of jury verdicts and settlements
  2. Leadership positions held in state and national trial bar associations
  3. The number of publications and presentations made on subjects of trial law
  4. Board certifications and national ratings as a lawyer specializing in trial law
  5. Number of recognitions and awards received by state, local, or national bar associations or trial lawyer organizations
  6. Years of service to the trial bench or bar and exceptional support of, and effort to protect, the constitutional right to a trial by jury.

## Nomination and Selection Process

Any individual may nominate a trial lawyer or qualified member of the judiciary to be included into The Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame. Those names may be received by the editors or publishers of The Trial Lawyer Magazine, any member of the executive committee of the National Trial Lawyers or any current living member of The Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame. Those names will then be forwarded to the ten-member selection committee composed of: the publisher of The Trial Lawyer Magazine; immediate past president; current president; president-elect and chairman of the executive committee of The National Trial Lawyers association; and five living members of The Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame. Those individuals that meet the criteria set forth herein are submitted to the living members of The Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame for their vote (listing the top candidates 1 to 5). The top five vote receiving prospective members are then submitted to the dean of Temple University School of Law for approval and inclusion into The Trail Lawyer Hall of Fame for that year's class.

