



Nominations Sought for the 2021 Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy

Nominations are being accepted for the 2021 Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy. This Award was established in 2018 to recognize members who have demonstrated over their career sustained excellence advocating for their clients in legal proceedings while maintaining the highest degree of professionalism. This award recognizes members who are eminently qualified to advocate for clients in state and federal courtrooms. They are considered by the NCADA as among the finest trial lawyers in the state. Not only have they consistently obtained favorable results for their clients, they have done so while exhibiting a command of the skills necessary to obtain such results. Importantly, their accomplishments were brought about without sacrificing any of the high ethical and moral standards espoused by the NCADA.

Please nominate a present or past member of the NCADA for consideration as a possible recipient of the Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy that will be presented at the Annual Meeting, June 11-14, 2020. Your letter of nomination should be addressed to **Leslie Packer, Chair, Awards Committee, c/o Lynette Pitt, Executive Director, NCADA, 4030 Wake Forest Road, Ste 203, Raleigh, NC 27609**. Alternately, the nomination may be emailed to lynettepitt@ncada.org. The letter should reference the "Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy" and include the name and current address of your nominee, along with supporting information and any appropriate documentation you believe will help the Awards Committee in making a recommendation to the Board of Directors. Your letter must be received at the Raleigh office no later than **Wednesday, May 5, 2021**.

Criteria: The recipient shall be a present, or former, member of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys who has distinguished themselves during career by demonstrating outstanding commitment to trial and appellate advocacy.

Nomination and Selection: Nominations shall be by current members of the NCADA

The Awards Committee shall receive all nominations in confidence. It shall review the nominations, and if a recipient is selected, shall confidentially recommend a recipient of the Award to the Board of Directors of the NCADA. If the Award recipient is approved by the Board of Directors, the Awards Committee shall prepare an outline of the presentation to be made by the President of the NCADA at the Annual Meeting, and shall obtain the Award on behalf of the NCADA for presentation.

The Award is intended as a special recognition, and it is not necessary that an Award be given as often as annually.

Past Recipient

2020 David N. Allen
2019 Dan J. McLamb
2018 Samuel "Sammy" G. Thompson