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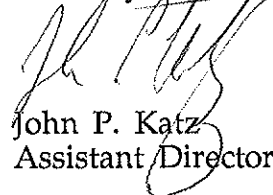
Dear Mr. Panish:

I would like to congratulate you again on your selection as a finalist for TLPJ's Trial Lawyer of the Year Award, and I am pleased to announce the release of **Trial Lawyers Doing Public Justice**, an annual publication honoring all of the finalists.

This book serves to educate lawyers and the public about some of the court cases decided each year that illustrate the principles of public justice. Your case, along with the other five presented in this publication, shows how trial law, beyond providing direct benefits to the plaintiff, can provide substantial benefit to the general public.

Enclosed are five copies for your consideration. Please feel free to distribute them as you see fit. If you would like additional copies, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address above. Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

  
John P. Katz  
Assistant Director

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**Trial Lawyer of the Year Finalists**  
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\* **Michael Withey** of Schroeter, Goldmark & Bender in Seattle, Washington, who successfully sued former Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos, his wife and their operatives in the United States for conspiring to murder two Seattle labor leaders. Withey's victory marked the first time a foreign dictator was held responsible for the actions of intelligence operatives in the U.S., and gained the families of the two men more than \$25 million in damages.

\* **Browne Greene** and **Brian Panish** of Greene, Broillet, Taylor and Wheeler in Los Angeles, California, and **Timothy Rastello** of Holland & Hart in Denver, Colorado, for their courageous work to expose cover-ups of police misconduct in Torrance, California. Their work led to widespread reforms in police policy for handling officer misconduct, and set an example for police departments across the country.

\* **Don C. Keenan** of The Keenan Ashman Firm in Atlanta, Georgia, for his precedent-setting advocacy on behalf of foster children. Keenan sued the state Department of Human Resources to guarantee the safety of children placed in the foster care system. The suit resulted in sweeping changes in the Georgia foster care system and established that foster children have constitutional rights under the 14th Amendment.

The winner of the Trial Lawyer of the Year award will be announced at approximately 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25 at the Ninth Annual TLPJ party, to be held at Sea World in San Diego, California. All of the finalists will be honored at the party, which will coincide with the release of **Trial Lawyers Doing Public Justice**, an annual publication of The TLPJ Foundation detailing the finalists' achievements. TLPJ will also be honoring the lifetime achievements of Portland, Oregon trial lawyer Henry A. Carey posthumously by presenting his family with TLPJ's first Distinguished Public Service Award (see enclosed press release).

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*Trial Lawyers for Public Justice is the only public interest law firm in the country specializing in precedent-setting damage and trial litigation. Utilizing a network of more than 700 of the nation's top plaintiffs' trial lawyers, it has successfully sued W.R. Grace for contaminating the drinking water of Woburn, Mass., Temple University for sex discrimination in intercollegiate athletics, and Texas Utilities for wrongfully discharging nuclear power plant workers who reported safety violations. It is currently representing the nation's leading environmental groups in a lawsuit against Exxon and Alyeska for the environmental damage caused by the Exxon Valdez oil spill.*



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Dear Mr. Panish:

Enclosed please find five copies of a press release announcing your selection as a finalist for TLPJ's Trial Lawyer of the Year Award. We have sent these out to the press in your area, but we wanted you to have copies for your own use. Please feel free to alter the press release as you see fit, but we ask that you include the paragraph describing TLPJ (on the bottom of the second page) in any correspondence regarding the award. If there are any errors in the release, please contact me immediately.

Congratulations again, and I look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

Sincerely,

  
John Katz  
Assistant Director

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