



**Trial Lawyers
Section**

*Betty Friedlander Award
For Trial Excellence*

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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The Betty D. Friedlander Award for Trial Excellence was created by the Trial Lawyers Section to honor the pioneering career of Betty Friedlander, one of the first female trial lawyers in upstate New York. Betty spent some 18 years in private practice, litigating personal injury, criminal defense, and matrimonial/custody cases. She then served two electoral terms as County Court/Family Court Judge. She also directed the Cornell Legal Aid Clinic, contributed to numerous NYSBA and OCA programs, and mentored many young lawyers and law students. After mandatory retirement from the bench at age 70 she practiced another 29 years as a trial lawyer trying cases well into her 90's. The Award will be given to a trial lawyer who has distinguished themselves in upstate trial practice (outside the City of New York), demonstrated the highest quality of trial skill and conduct, and shown a commitment to professional excellence.

Award Qualifications

- The nominee has practiced substantially as a trial lawyer in state (or federal) courts in upstate New York (outside New York City).
- The nominee has exhibited excellence in cultivation and use of trial skills, in, inter alia, courtroom practice, case preparation, client and collegial relations, litigation strategy and ethics.
- The nominee has demonstrated commitment to excellence in trial practice, for example, by professional engagement, writing, advocacy, teaching or mentoring.

Nomination deadline: December 1st, 2023

Prize Awarded: The recipient will receive an award of recognition and a complimentary registration to the 2024 Trial Lawyers Annual meeting program on Thursday, January 18th, 2024.

Date Presented: The award will be presented during the Trial Lawyers and Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Annual Meeting Awards Reception on January 18th, 2024 at the New York Hilton Midtown.

Questions can be directed to the Trial Lawyers Chair, Christian Soller (cjsoller@hodgsonruss.com).

NOMINATION FORM

Candidate Name: _____

Title (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominator: _____

Title (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Below, please provide details regarding the candidate's qualifications for this award, including; number of years, location, and nature of practice, trial experience and significant distinguishing qualities, other demonstrations of commitment to the cultivation of excellence in trial skills, including professional affiliation, writing, teaching, mentoring and the like.

Optional supporting information to include separately (Please limit all nomination materials to 25 pages or less):

- a resume or similar biographical material for the nominee
- news articles
- brief writings
- letters of support. Please limit all nomination materials to 25 pages or less.

Please email completed nomination form and supporting documentation by December 1st, 2023 to the Trial Lawyers Section Liaison, Gina Bartosiewicz at GBartosiewicz@nysba.org.