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“Judith Susskind to Receive The Earl J. Cline & Sherwin Schreier Award of Excellence”

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Anyone that practices personal injury law knows that on average Medical Malpractice cases are amongst the most difficult cases an attorney can handle. Many times they are extremely technical. Most of the time they are very costly. And every time they are extremely difficult to navigate towards a favorable outcome. Judy Susskind has spent over 30 years representing Plaintiffs in medical malpractice lawsuits.

Over those years, Judy has become well known as one of the best medical malpractice attorneys in the country. One of the most unbelievable and outstanding accomplishments in Judy’s career is when she was able to obtain a favorable verdict for her client in medical malpractice trials three times in less than 11 weeks in 2002. Most attorneys, have a difficult time getting into trial and obtaining a favorable medical malpractice verdict once a year.

After graduating from Michigan State University in 1983, Judy went on to law school at Wayne State University where she graduated in 1987. Since that time, she has routinely and consistently showed herself to be an extremely capable and effective advocate for her clients. The awards she has obtained along with her success in effectively negotiating settlements and obtaining jury verdicts has been a consistent reflection of what an outstanding attorney she has been over the last 30+ years.

In 2004, Michigan Lawyers Weekly selected her as a leader in the law and as it’s lawyer of the year. Judy has been named the Michigan Super Lawyer every year since 2006 and has repeatedly made the list of “Top 50 Women Michigan Super Lawyers”, as well as “Top 25 Women Consumer Michigan Super Lawyers”. She has also been recognized by Best Lawyers annually since 2009 and the publication named her the Detroit Medical Malpractice “Lawyer of the Year” in both 2015 and 2017.

Presently, Judy is a senior shareholder at Sommers Swartz, P.C. She was this sections Chair in 2003 – 2004. She has served on MAJ’s Executive Board since 2001 and was MAJ’s President in 2008-2009. She also serves as an officer of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Michigan Chapter.

Judy Susskind has always given back serving on various committees and boards, as well as co-moderating MAJ’s annual Medical Malpractice Seminar for the past 15 years, lecturing at Wayne State University Law School and the University of Michigan Law School and helped present the “Civility Matters” Program to the incoming students at the University of Detroit Law School and Wayne State University Law School.

When Judy is not hard at work representing her clients, she can be found practicing her craft as a ballroom dancer, competing in ballroom competitions, cooking, gardening, traveling and attending

concerts and theatre performances. She is also a huge sports fan and workout fanatic. Finally, she loves to spend time with her friends and family.

Judy Susskind was an easy pick for the Earl J. Cline/Sherwin Schreier Award. She is everything any client would ever want in a trial attorney; she is intelligent, committed, hardworking, competitive, and devoted to representing her clients. Whether it's ballroom dancing, throwing a July 4th party or representing a family who lost a loved one from a medical procedure gone wrong, Judy gives a 100% of what she has to give. That is what makes her such an outstanding attorney and an even better person.

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