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Lawyers In The News

Twiggs Wins National Civil Justice Award

Raleigh Lawyer Howard F. Twiggs was presented the 2006 Frank Carrington Champion of Civil Justice Award by the National Crime Victim Bar Association at its annual conference in Washington, D.C. last month.

Recognized for his "inspirational career" and "tireless fight for victims who have been injured or disadvantaged in society," Twiggs was singled out as one of the country's most respected and successful trial lawyers.

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As a member of the N.C. House of Representatives, Twiggs sponsored legislation that for the first time gave crime victims the right to seek restitution in criminal actions. Among his other legislative accomplishments, he championed the expansion of the state's wrongful death laws to enable survivors to receive compensation for non-economic damages, and worked to pass North Carolina's Fraudulent and Deceptive Trade Practices Act. He successfully sponsored legislation that established due process rights in involuntary commitment actions,

which had often been handled in a summary fashion.

Twiggs has been a state and national leader of the plaintiffs' trial bar, having served as a founder and president of both the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers and president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He is an elected fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers and the American Board of Trial Advocates. For more than 15 years, he has served as the director and president of the Roscoe Pound Institute.

A Raleigh practitioner for nearly five decades, Twiggs is a principal at Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabenau, P.A.

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