



JURY VERDICT REPORTER
ANNUAL AWARDS ISSUE

2014 AWARDS FOR TRIAL LAWYER EXCELLENCE

FEATURING THIS YEAR'S

29 OUTSTANDING
TRIAL LAWYERS

Patti Bobb, Don Segal and Judge Maddux receive
JVR Lifetime Achievement Awards

Kay Schichtel, John Stalmack and Lou Varchetto
receive Defense Attorney Career Achievement Awards

PLUS: The biggest settlement
of the year – \$160,000,000



Plaintiff's attorney Patti Bobb, pictured with JVR Editor John Kirkton, received the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Jury Verdict Reporter.

Patricia C. Bobb

Patti Bobb's litigation practice focuses on representing individuals in personal injury cases with an emphasis on medical malpractice. She has tried more than one hundred jury and bench trials in both state and federal courts. Her experience and integrity as a lawyer is confirmed by her selection by both judges and fellow attorneys to act as a mediator in arbitrating more than fifty major medical malpractice cases. Based upon surveys conducted by Law Bulletin Publishing Company's Leading Lawyers, Patti has been the top woman lawyer in Illinois since 2008.

Patti attended New Mexico State University and St. Michael's College, earning her B.A. magna cum laude in 1969. She earned her J.D. at the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1972. That same year, she became licensed to practice law in Illinois and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Patti spent six years in the Cook County State's Attorney's office as a felony trial attorney and felony trial court supervisor. In 1978, she joined Phillip H. Corboy & Associates, focusing on plaintiff's personal injury litigation.

In 1980, the law firm of Bobb, Kane, Obbish & Propes was formed, and those four individuals remain great friends to this day. By 1983, Patti was listed in the Best Lawyers in America and was profiled in Time magazine as one of five outstanding female trial lawyers in the country. She was also selected by GLAMOUR magazine as one of the "Ten Outstanding Working Women in the United States" in 1984.

Patricia C. Bobb & Associates was launched in 1985 and is still going strong today. Patti was also of counsel to Propes & Kaveny from 2000 through 2010. In addition to maintaining her own firm, Patti has been of counsel to Meyers & Flowers since 2012.

Patti has been actively involved in many professional organizations, including serving as past President of the Chicago Bar Association and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Illinois State Bar Association. She was elected to the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) and served as a Regent for Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana on ACTL's Board of Regents. She is also a member of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA) and currently serves on ITLA's Board of Managers.

"The thing that I love about what I do is, when you're successful in getting compensation for people who have been injured or died, you really feel you've made a difference in someone's life."

— Patricia C. Bobb

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Plaintiff Attorney

Patti was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve on the Supreme Court Rules Committee from 1995 to 2003 and also served as the Chair of that Committee for a number of years. The Illinois Supreme Court appointed her Commissioner of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission from 2001 to 2007.

Patti is involved in the training of other lawyers as a member of the Board of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, having previously served as its Chairman. She is a former Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy at Northwestern University Law School, and has taught, spoken and written for various bar associations and advocacy programs for over thirty years, including the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the American Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association and the Chicago Bar Association.