

## IN 2012, HOWARD NATIONS WAS INDUCTED INTO the

Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame, and with good reason: Nations has been at the forefront of civil and personal injury litigation for nearly five decades, during which time he has tried countless cases involving catastrophic injury, wrongful death, breach of contract, will contests, and real estate fraud, among others; in addition, he has represented the accused in more than 300 pro bono criminal cases.

### "WHEN I FORMED THE NATIONS LAW FIRM IN MAY

1971, our mission was to diligently serve our clients, the public, and the trial bar, while paying due homage, respect, and allegiance to our profession," Nations says. "We continue in that tradition today."

# **CURRENTLY, THE NATIONS LAW FIRM REPRESENTS**

more than 11,000 clients in all 50 states, handling a broad spectrum of cases with a focus on mass tort pharmaceuticals, individual catastrophic injuries, and wrongful death cases, as well as the BP oil spill litigation.

## THE FIRM'S INDIVIDUAL CATASTROPHIC INJURY AND

wrongful death practice has successfully prosecuted all types of injury cases, including those involving roller coasters, water

parks, elevators, forklifts, and medical malpractice. Many of its cases also involve people who were injured or killed as a result of trucking collisions, drunk driving, or distracted driving.

## AMONG ITS HIGH-PROFILE INJURY CASES, THE FIRM

represented a young girl who died after receiving organs of the wrong blood type in a heart-lung transplant at Duke Medical Center. The firm also represented a young physician who was decapitated while stepping into an elevator. "Tragedies such as these are the driving force behind our commitment to achieving justice for our clients while bringing about changes that prevent this type of tragedy in the future," Nations notes.

# ABOVE ALL, THESE COMPLEX CASES REQUIRE A

unique combination of legal, technical, and scientific expertise to be handled successfully; and Nations continues to lead the way in regard to his use of technology in litigation.

## **"OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR CLIENTS DRIVES US TO**

stay on the cutting edge of science and technology in the courtroom," says Nations, who in 1988 was the first lawyer in the country to introduce a computer-generated animation and medical graphics into evidence at trial. Today, the firm employs a multi-disciplinary approach, working closely with attorneys,

physicians, computer graphics specialists, and trial consultants to create its technical case presentations.

### "WE CONTINUE TO BE PIONEERS IN COURTROOM

technology, whether we're creating digital demand letters, animations that bring the trial story to life, or computergenerated trial modules that put the entire trial at the attorney's fingertips."

### AS A LEADER IN LEGAL EDUCATION, NATIONS

co-founded the American Association for Justice's (AAJ) National College of Advocacy and has taught advocacy-related courses in law schools for 35 years. One of the most soughtafter educators in the law profession, he is widely published and has also lectured to lawyers in all 50 states. He recently received the Professor W. McKinley Smiley, Jr. Lighthouse Award for excellence in teaching by a trial lawyer and the Gene Cavin Award from the State Bar of Texas for excellence in continuing legal education. Nations also pioneered the use of forensic psychological and neurolinguistic principles to persuade judges and jurors in trial.

# AS A LEADER OF THE TRIAL BAR, NATIONS HAS

served as president of the National Trial Lawyers, the Texas Trial

Lawyers Association, the Southern Trial Lawyers Association (STLA), The Melvin Belli Society, the Aletheia Institute, and the Association of Personal Injury Trucking Lawyers of America (APITLA). In addition to being certified as a Diplomate of Trial Advocacy by the National College of Advocacy, he is board certified for civil trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and for personal injury trial law and civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

### IN RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE

trial bar, Nations has been honored with the Belli Society's Mel Award, MTMP's Clarence Darrow Award, AAJ's Heavy Lifting Award, APITLA's "Man in the Arena Award," and STLA's War Horse Award and Tommy Malone Great American Eagle Award. Additionally, Nations has been inducted as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and has been selected by the Trial Lawyer's Round Table as one of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America.

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