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# Public Justice 2010 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award Finalists Selected

The Public Justice Foundation proudly salutes the five Finalists for the 2010 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award. This year's Finalists were chosen from a field of 16 outstanding teams whose socially significant legal accomplishments were extraordinary or precedent-setting and in the public interest. The finalists will be feted at our annual Gala and Awards Dinner on July 13, 2010 in Vancouver, B.C. The winner of the 2010 TLOY Award will be announced at that event.

The 2010 TLOY Finalists are (in alphabetical order according to lead counsel's last name):

***Coleman v. Schwarzenegger and Plata v. Schwarzenegger***

Michael Bien, Donald Specter, Jeffrey L. Bornstein, Fred Heather, Raymond Loughrey, Ed Sangster, Rachel Chatman, Paul D. Clement, Ernest Galvan, Amy Whelan, Jane Kahn, Maria Morris, Lisa Ells, Mark Feeser, Tom Nolan, Lori Rifkin, Sara Norman, Rebekah Evenson, Alison Hardy and Steven Fama.

***Wiwa v. Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.***

Jennifer M. Green, Judith Brown Chomsky, Beth Stephens, Anthony DiCaprio, Maria LaHood, Debra Gordon, Agnieszka Fryszman, Maureen McOwen, Richard L. Herz, Jonathan G. Kaufman, Abby Rubinson, Marco B. Simons, Jacqui Zalberg, Susan Farbstein, Paul Hoffman and Julie Shapiro.

***Owens v. ContiGroup Companies***

Richard H. Middleton, Jr., Charles F. Speer, Stephen A. Weiss, Stephen A. Sael, Britt Bieri and Gerald Lee Cross, Jr.

***De la Rosa v. Wackenhut Corrections Corp.***

Ronald Rodriguez

***City of New York v. Exxon Mobil Corp.***

Victor Sher, Robert Chapman, Marnie Riddle, Nick Campins, Harvey Friedman, Julia Haye, Susan Amron, Daniel Green, Amanda Goad, Ramin Pejan, Chris Reo and Bill Plache

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