

LCA FELLOW PROFILE: THOMAS V. GIRARDI

THOMAS V. GIRARDI, a partner in Girardi|Keese, has been practicing law since 1965. Mr. Girardi specializes in commercial litigation, product liability law, toxic torts, and bad faith cases. He is an associate professor for Loyola Law School, and was the youngest member to ever be admitted to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, an organization limited to 500 lawyers in the world. He was president of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers from 2005 to 2006. Among Mr. Girardi's other associations, he is a member of the Inner Circle of Advocates, an organization limited to 100 lawyers in the country who have obtained the largest verdicts in the United States. He is the past national president of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has been listed in the "Best Lawyers in America" for 20 years and the "Daily Journal's" top lawyers in California since the list was first printed.

In 2002, he was honored by the Los Angeles Business Journal as one of the "Most Powerful Attorneys" in Los Angeles. He was inducted into the "Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame" by the California State Bar in 2003, joining only eleven other lawyers in the state who have been so honored since the award was first presented. He was awarded for his outstanding public support for the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs in 2003. He is the recipient of the 2004 Ted Horn Memorial Award from the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles and was just inducted into their 2008 Hall of Fame. He is listed in Benchmark's America's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys for 2008. In a recent survey of 65,000 lawyers to determine the finest lawyer in California, he was the highest vote-getter. He has been appointed to the Judicial Council of California by Chief Justice Ronald M. George. He is the recipient of the Irish American Bar Association's Daniel O'Connell Award and the Italian American Bar Association's Champion of Justice Award. Mr. Girardi is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.