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R. Mark Mifflin Named 2017 Recipient of Defense Bar Leader Award



R. Mark Mifflin, partner with *Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C.* in Springfield and Immediate Past President of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC), has been named the 2017 recipient of the Fred H. Sievert Award, presented by DRI, the Defense Research Institute.

The DRI Fred H. Sievert Award honors an individual who, as president of a state or local civil defense organization, has made a significant contribution toward achieving the goals and objectives of the organized civil defense bar.

In nominating Mr. Mifflin, 2017-2018 IDC President Michael L. Resis lauded Mr. Mifflin's efforts as the 2016-2017 IDC President to reinvigorate the legislative efforts of the IDC. Mr. Resis commented that "Mark has a breadth of knowledge and experience of the legislative process and legislators in Springfield that is nonpareil. Mark has been the prime mover behind the IDC's Legislative Committee for many years, spearheading its efforts and teaching other IDC members about the legislative process. Mark's efforts have significantly raised the profile of the IDC in Springfield. Because of his leadership, the IDC is better positioned to serve the defense bar and the people of Illinois."

"I am honored, humbled and very appreciative to be the recipient of this award. My efforts on behalf of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel were supported by the members, Board of Directors, Officers and Executive Director of the IDC. I am pleased to accept the award on behalf of the entire IDC," said Mr. Mifflin.

The DRI Fred H. Sievert Award will be presented to Mr. Mifflin on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at the DRI Annual Meeting in Chicago.

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About R. Mark Mifflin

Mr. Mifflin is a partner in the law firm of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C. in Springfield, Illinois. He received his undergraduate degree from Western Illinois University in 1973 and graduated from Southern Illinois University Law School in 1978. Before he attended law school, Mr. Mifflin served as an Illinois Legislative Staff Intern on the staff of the Illinois Senate. Following graduation from law school, he clerked for Justice Robert Underwood of the Illinois Supreme Court and then for United States District Court Judge J. Waldo Ackerman. He was later an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois. Mr. Mifflin also serves as a hearing officer for administrative hearings before the Illinois State Police Merit Board and was appointed as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Character

and Fitness for 2015. He is a member of the Defense Research Institute and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC).

About DRI

For more than fifty-five years, DRI has been the voice of the defense bar, advocating for 22,000 defense attorneys, commercial trial attorneys, and corporate counsel and defending the integrity of the civil judiciary. For more information, log on to www.dri.org

About the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC)

Organized in 1964, the IDC is a state-wide organization of nearly 900 civil defense litigators, working to improve the Illinois civil justice system. The mission of the IDC is to ensure civil justice with integrity, civility and professional competence.