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William D. Shapiro, Esq., Recipient of the 2015 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award



(RANCHO SANTA FE, CA) William D. Shapiro, Esq. of the San Bernardino/Riverside Chapter of ABOTA was selected as the CAL-ABOTA 2015 Trial Lawyer of the Year by the association's Board of Directors at its Annual Retreat on March 14, 2015. Recognized as the highest honor a California trial lawyer can receive, the CAL-ABOTA Trial Lawyer of the Year is awarded annually to a recipient exhibiting the best traits of a trial lawyer — excellence in advocacy, a distinguished career and a reputation for civility, ethics and fair play.

William D. Shapiro of Robinson Calcagnie Robinson Shapiro Davis Inc. in San Bernardino is recognized

nationally as a highly accomplished trial lawyer. His trial skills have been recognized by his peers, having been named 2013 "Top Gun, Personal Injury Trial Lawyer of the Year" by the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association and in the following year, he was named 2014 "Trial Lawyer of the Year" by the Consumer Attorneys' of the Inland Empire. For over twenty years, Bill has been a dedicated member of ABOTA, now holding the rank of Advocate. Bill served as Chapter President in 2008 and remains on the Executive Board. In 2009, Bill was appointed to the National Board of ABOTA.

CAL-ABOTA is a regional chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a national jury trial lawyer association with over 7000 members. Membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates is limited to attorneys who meet the organization's stringent jury trial criteria and who are elected to membership by their peers. ABOTA's mission is to preserve the right to jury trials in civil cases and elevate the standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession. CAL-ABOTA, with over 1600 members, is comprised of 8 ABOTA chapters located in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Francisco, San Diego, Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley, Central Coast and San Bernardino/Riverside. The CAL-ABOTA Board of Directors includes officers of the 8 local chapters. Each CAL-ABOTA chapter is entitled to nominate a candidate for Trial Lawyer of the Year. Written and oral presentations are submitted to CAL-ABOTA's board followed by the selection of the award recipient by majority vote.

* Deceased

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