



## Bruce Plaxen chosen Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Maryland Association for Justice

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1985, PLAXEN & ADLER, P.A. HAS been committed to representing plaintiffs with complaints related to automobile accidents, products liability, premises liability, workers' compensation, medical malpractice, Social Security disability claims and other types of personal injury. Plaxen & Adler has offices throughout Maryland.

Bruce Plaxen was honored as 2009 Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Maryland Association for Justice. He was recognized due to his 12-year effort involving several class action cases on behalf of HMO consumers resulting in precedential decisions protecting the citizens of Maryland from retroactive laws, and HMO consumers from illegal subrogation claims. Plaxen shared this award with co-counsel F. Paul Bland, Robert K. Jenner, Kieron F. Quinn and Martin E. Wolf.

Plaxen & Adler litigators are not afraid to take on challenges. As a result, Plaxen has obtained several landmark verdicts and decisions, including the largest slip and fall verdict in Howard County history, and what is believed to be the largest wrongful birth verdict in the history of Maryland. The firm has also prevailed in products liability cases against some of the biggest manufacturers in the country. Harry Adler is widely recognized as one of the top workers' compensation attorneys in Maryland. In addition, Adler has been honored for his philanthropic efforts and leadership in Howard County. Jon Kopin is an experienced litigator with an expertise in Social Security disability claims.

**BRUCE M. PLAXEN** Founding partner Plaxen, only 26 when he opened the firm, quickly became a leader in the plaintiffs' bar

in Maryland and nationally, earning a reputation for being well prepared, zealous and creative. Plaxen has been on the Board of Governors for the Maryland Association for Justice since 1993, and served as President for the 2001-2002 term. He is a frequent speaker and lecturer for the Maryland Association for Justice. He is chairman of the Maryland Trial Lawyers Association's Political Action Committee. He works closely with its lobbyists and legislative committee in Annapolis to ensure victims' rights are protected. In 2007, Plaxen was awarded the Maryland Trial Lawyers Association's President's Award in recognition of extraordinary support of trial advocacy and the fair administration of justice.

Plaxen received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the State University of New York at Albany, given in recognition of his help organizing Trial Lawyers Care, the largest pro bono project in history. The project assisted families of the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks and secured victim compensation. In 2003, the American Association for Justice awarded Plaxen the prestigious Wiedemann Wysocki Citation of Excellence, given for his efforts to uphold civil justice throughout the United States.

For many years, Plaxen has served on the Board of Governors for the American Association for Justice. He currently serves on its Executive Committee and is active on several national committees, including the National Finance and Organizational Review Committees. In 2002, Plaxen was elected President of the Council of Presidents, an organization comprised of presidents of individual trial lawyers' organizations throughout the country.

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