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The Levin, Papantonio Law Firm is proud to congratulate attorney and shareholder Troy Rafferty as the recipient of the 2016 Perry Nichols Award from the Florida Justice Association (FJA). The Perry Nichols Award is the highest award given by the FJA and it is presented to an attorney whose perseverance, commitment, and unmatched dedication to the civil justice system is at the forefront of their lives. Mr. Rafferty will be presented with the award at the Florida Justice Association's, Masters of Justice Convention in Orlando, on September 29.

"I am truly humbled to receive this prestigious award and it was a total shock to me," said Rafferty. "I had no idea I had even been nominated."

Perry Nichols is regarded as a pioneer in the field of personal injury law, and was a revolutionary figure in his time. He was the first attorney in the state of Florida to win a verdict in excess of \$100,000. Soon after World War II, Perry spearheaded the organization of the Negligence and Compensation Lawyers of Florida, the predecessor of the Florida Justice Association. In 1954, he became one of the founding fathers of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and was elected president of the organization in 1965. In 1977, the Florida Justice Association created the prestigious Perry Nichols Award in his honor.

Mr. Rafferty has been recognized numerous times for his tremendous legal talent, litigating mass tort, pharmaceutical, and major personal injury cases throughout the country. He has been with the Levin, Papantonio Law Firm since 1994 and he now joins four other attorneys at the firm who have also received the prestigious Perry Nichols Award. Mr. Fredric G. Levin received it in 1994, Mr. Michael Papantonio in 2011, as well as late law partners Lefferts L. Mabie, Jr. and former Florida Governor, Reubin Askew.

Mr. Rafferty has received numerous jury verdicts and settlements in excess of \$1 million, including recent jury verdicts for \$9.2 million and \$12.6 million in Escambia County, Florida and a verdict of \$18 million in New Jersey, which was one of the top 100 jury verdicts in the country in 2012. He has also received numerous other awards for his legal competence and ethics, including being named in the publication, The Best Lawyers in America and The Legal 500. He has also been recognized as one of Florida's top lawyers by Florida Super Lawyers, awarded an AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell legal directory, and selected by the American Trial Lawyers Association as one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers and he is a fellow in the International Society of Barristers.

Mr. Rafferty is also an active philanthropist. Along with donating to Pensacola area charities, he funds two local scholarships under his name (The Rafferty Scholarship/Award), which are awarded annually to two high school prep athletes. Each of the area high schools also competes to be awarded the Rafferty Cup for excellence in athletic achievement.