



PRESS RELEASE - C. Richard Newsome Presented With The Prestigious Steven J. Sharp Public Service Award

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C. Richard Newsome, Managing Partner of Newsome Melton Law Firm was presented with the prestigious Steven J. Sharp Public Service Award by the American Association for Justice at their Annual Convention in Montreal. Rich proudly shares this honor with his clients Corey Burdick and Kaylee Burdick, who were also in attendance at the Membership Awards Luncheon on July 14th, 2015. The award recognizes claimants and the attorneys of claimants whose cases help tell the story of the American civil justice system. Rich was selected based on his representation of seven victims of faulty Takata air bags, including Corey Burdick, a Florida man disfigured and blinded in one eye by shrapnel from an exploding air bag. After Attorney Newsome filed a lawsuit against Honda and Takata, United States Senator Bill Nelson learned about the case and met with the Burdick family. Subsequently, Senator Nelson held U.S. Senate Hearings and helped shine the national spotlight on the Takata airbag problem. The national conversation, thanks to these hearings, resulted in the largest recall in U.S. history of over 30 million Takata airbags.

