

John Degnan is Named an Attorney of the Year

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. – Briggs and Morgan, Professional Association is pleased to announce that shareholder **John M. Degnan** has been named an “Attorney of the Year” by Minnesota Lawyer, one of the Twin Cities legal community’s most prestigious honors. He and other recipients will be featured in a special insert as seen in Minnesota Lawyer, Finance and Commerce and Capitol Report.

“John is very deserving of this recognition,” says Alan H. Maclin, firm president. “He is an exceptional trial lawyer who balances dedication to his work along with active commitment to pro bono work. He is highly regarded both inside the firm and in the community.”

Degnan was selected for the award based on his recent successes and significant pro bono work. Earlier this year he won a Minnesota Supreme Court case which overturned a Court of Appeals decision and established quasi judicial immunity for court appointed accountants. Degnan also prevailed in a wrongful death suit, where he and his client won a \$2.7 million settlement on the second day of the jury trial. Degnan’s active commitment to pro bono work was reflected in his collaboration with local attorneys to reinstate a Vietnam veteran’s benefits, and with his successful development of a program to assist Mayo Clinic in-house attorneys with the metro-based portion of their pro bono casework.

Degnan follows in the paths of **Brian D. Wenger** (2008), **Timothy R. Thornton** (2007), **Trudy J. Halla** (2004) and U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeffrey J. Keyes (2004), a former shareholder, who were also previously named “Attorneys of the Year.” In 2008, Minnesota Lawyer also honored **Sam Hanson** with an Outstanding Service to the Profession Award for his seven years of public service as an associate justice with the appellate courts.

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