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**MARY BETH RAMEY AWARDED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
BY INDIANA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION**

Indiana attorney Mary Beth Ramey will be given the Indiana Trial Lawyers' highest award on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at a noon luncheon being held at the Indianapolis Convention Center. Ms. Ramey will be awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for her distinguished practice and service as a trial lawyer in Indiana and the nation.

Mary Beth Ramey, Ramey & Hailey, has been a member of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association for 40 plus years. She has held every elected office in ITLA. Prior to becoming ITLA's first female president, Mary Beth chaired the Annual Institute and served two terms as legislative co-chair with George Gray. During the time that Mary Beth and George were legislative co-chairs, they drafted, and were able to get the legislature to pass, amendments to the Child Wrongful Death Act which allowed recovery for the death of a child in excess of the medical bills, funeral and burial expense.

The ITLA Trial Lawyer of the Year Award's first co-recipient was Mary Beth who, with the amicus assistance of Drew Young, overturned 100 years of legal precedent in Indiana in the case of Barns, et. al. v. A. H. Robins Co., Inc. Currently, Mary Beth is an ITLA Emeritus Director.

The College of Fellows elected Mary Beth to serve as its president for two terms. During her tenure, she established the first civic community project in which the Fellows provided bicycle helmets to children in Indiana communities. Mary Beth is still the only woman to serve as president of the College of Fellows.

After serving as ITLA President, ITLA members elected Mary Beth as their delegate to the American Trial Lawyers' Association and later as ITLA's representative to the Board of Governors of AAJ,

where she served as Indiana's governor for 20 years. While representing Indiana, Mary Beth was elected by the AAJ Board of Governors to three terms on the budget committee. The American Association of Justice (formerly ATLA) awarded Mary Beth the National Distinguished Service Award, awarded annually to only five trial lawyers nationwide for service to both their communities and to the development of law. Mary Beth also received the highest award given by the AAJ Women's Caucus, the Marie Lambert Award in 2004, which is given in recognition of exemplary leadership to the profession, to her community, to AAJ and the Women's Trial Lawyers Caucus.

In 1991, Mary Beth was named by the National Law Journal as one of the nation's ten outstanding plaintiffs' trial lawyers. Throughout the years, she has been included in Who's Who in American Law, Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers. She also has been an Indiana Supreme Court finalist.

While based predominately in Indianapolis, Mary Beth's practice is national in scope. She was chair of the Claimant Creditors Committee, comprised of plaintiffs' attorneys representing women injured by the Dalkon Shield medical device, in the A.H. Robins Company bankruptcy, Richmond, Virginia and as such was the first woman to chair a mass torts consolidation. Mary Beth was lead counsel in *Stivers vs. St. Francis Hospital*, Indianapolis, which still is the highest collected medical malpractice jury award in Indiana. Recently, Mary Beth was one of the attorneys serving on the evidence committee in a consortium, who received an award for clients under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act in the S.D. of NY of \$1.3 billion compensatory damages and over \$4 billion punitive damages (*Havlish v. Iran, et al.*).

Mary Beth is admitted in Indiana, Colorado and the District of Columbia as well as the 4th, 6th, and 7th Circuits. She's authored several articles, chaired the National College of Advocacy, and is a frequent speaker on national and state trial lawyer programs.

A graduate of IU McKinney Law School, currently Mary Beth is vice chair of its Board of Visitors. Mary Beth Ramey was born and raised in Orleans, Indiana. She has been married to Richard D. Hailey, her

law partner, for 43 years and is the mother of two adult children.