Mark Lanier Named Trial Lawyer of the Year by National Trial Lawyers Group

Members of an invitation-only organization of top trial lawyers have singled out attorney Mark Lanier as its Trial Lawyer of the Year, while recognizing **The Lanier Law Firm** among the Top 25 most influential litigation firms in the United States.

Lanier accepted the awards at The National Trial Lawyers' February 2017 Trial Lawyers Summit in South Beach, Florida. In addition, members elected Lanier to the position of president-elect of The National Trial Lawyers; he will serve as president in 2018.

"Lawyers have an awesome charge in our society today and an obligation to use our courts to provide individuals with a level playing field," Lanier said. "I'm proud of the justice that our firm has been able to attain for our clients, and I'm honored that our efforts have been recognized by ours peers in this way."

In a release, the firm said:

> The national honors for Lanier individually and the firm as a whole follow a string of large, high-profile jury verdicts on behalf of individuals and business interests. Most recently, the firm secured a second significant jury verdict in multidistrict litigation (MDL) against Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary DePuy Orthopedics for injuries caused by defective metal-on-metal hip implants. Jurors returned a verdict of more than $1 billion for six patients who were injured by the defective DePuy implant in December 2016. A fourth MDL bellwether trial, which will involve 10 patients, has been scheduled by U.S. District Judge Ed Kinkeade in

Dallas for September 2017.

The National Trial Lawyers summit included guest speakers addressing legal and business trends and a keynote address by NFL legend Joe Montana.