

# **Tom D'Amore Recognized as Finalist for San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association 2020 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award**

The D'Amore Law Group, P.C. is proud to announce that managing partner and owner Tom D'Amore is a finalist for the 2020 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award presented by the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association (SFTLA). Tom was named along with co-counsel Steve Brady of the Brady Law Group. A winner will be recognized at a gala on August 27, 2020.

The SFTLA board of directors annually honors an attorney or team of attorneys for an exceptional trial victory of the last year based on the size of the verdict, stakes in controversy, diligence and determination shown by counsel, and the rights and interests of society that were vindicated through the verdict.

D'Amore is nominated along with Steve Brady for their co-representation of a husband, Matthew Allison, and the estate of his wife, Sara Allison, against transportation companies Horizon Transport and Smoot Enterprises and their drivers. The case was Allison et al. v. Smoot Enterprises Inc. et al., case number 2:17-cv-01598, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon.

In May 2019, an Oregon federal jury returned a record personal injury \$26.4 million verdict against the two transportation companies and their drivers for their prolonged bout of "road rage" with one another that caused a head-on accident with a car, killing 30-year-old Mrs. Allison and severely injuring

then 27-year-old Mr. Allison.

The jury deliberated for nearly six hours following a nine-day trial and found that the concerted negligence of the defendants caused the fatal June 2016 crash. The jury found that Mr. Allison suffered \$600,000 in economic damages and \$7 million in noneconomic damages, and his wife's estate suffered \$2.38 million in economic damages and \$10 million in noneconomic damages. The jury also found for the Allisons against the transportation companies in the amount of 6.5 million in punitive damages against Smoot and Horizon.

An attorney for more than 29 years, D'Amore is licensed to practice law in Oregon, Washington and California, and is a board-certified civil trial attorney with the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA). He is also one of a few attorneys in the United States board-certified in trucking injury law by the NBTA.