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## Cathy Wilson, Managing Editor, Daily Business Review

This has certainly been a completely different year for all of us. I hope everyone in what has been dubbed "Wuhan, Florida," avoided the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

At least one of our honorees tested positive. My heart goes out to all who have been touched by the virus.

In a normal year, the Daily Business Review would recognize honorees receiving the Florida Legal Awards, previously called the Professional Excellence Awards, in May. Since it's an abnormal year, the awards are being published in September and October.

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Welcome to the first installment featuring the admirable work of leaders in Florida's legal profession. This special section introduces three attorneys being recognized for their Lifetime Achievements: Benjamine Reid, Barry Richard and Roberta Stanley.

This issue also recognizes top mentors, legal innovators, attorneys who demonstrated social impact and On the Rise honorees for early-career accomplishments by attorneys under the age of 40 as of Jan. 1.

The next awards special section publishing Oct. 12 will profile the three finalists for Attorney of the Year, distinguished leaders in law and awards for in-house legal departments, law firm litigation departments and real estate transactions.

We hope to get back to our standard format in 2021, but in the meantime #MaskUpFlorida.

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