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Postponed by the coronavirus, the Daily Business Review announces its annual Professional Excellence Award honorees and plans a recognition event on Oct. 7.

By Catherine Wilson (https://www.law.com/dailybusinessreview/author/profile/Catherine-Wilson/) | May 04, 2020 at 01:20 PM



#### Daily Business Review's Professional Excellence Awards 2019 held at the Rusty Pelican. Photo: J. Albert Diaz/ALM

Three veteran Florida litigators are finalists for the Daily Business Review's annual Attorney of the Year award for their work in vastly different areas.

Miami-Dade Public Defender Carlos Martinez coordinated a review of thousands of court files for clients convicted in Biscayne Park cases. The forensic mission was undertaken after the police chief and several subordinates were convicted of framing people to close unsolved cases for four years.

#### **Law Firms Mentioned**

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John Yanchunis of Morgan & Morgan has taken a place on the national class-action stage, notably in data breach cases, after helping engineer an \$85 million settlement with Yahoo.

The top award winner will be announced at the <u>DBR's annual Professional</u>

<u>Excellence Awards event (https://www.event.law.com/dailybusinessreview-</u>

<u>FloridaLegalAwards</u>)set for Oct. 7 at the Rusty Pelican in Miami. More than 70 honorees will be recognized for their work in litigation and transactions and as in-

Normally a spring gathering, the event was postponed due to the public-distancing restrictions ordered in response to the coronavirus epidemic.

house counsel. New categories recognize attorneys for mentoring and social impact.

While we navigate these uncertain times, we want to focus attention on the positive work of Florida's legal community. It's easy to lose sight of the hard work accomplished by the state's legal professionals in 2019, and we want to shine a light on those achievements.

The events team is working hard to ensure the safety of our guests, and more information about the measures we are implementing will be communicated shortly.

Here are the honorees:

#### Attorney of the Year finalists

Carlos Martinez, Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office

Sigrid McCawley, Boies Schiller Flexner

John Yanchunis, Morgan & Morgan

#### Lifetime achievement

Benjamine Reid, Carlton Fields

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#### **Distinguished leaders**

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Beth Alcalde, Akerman

Christopher Bellows, Holland & Knight

Jezabel Lima, Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman

Lori Hartglass, Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr

Yolanda Cash Jackson, Becker & Poliakoff

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Departments of the Year:

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Products Liability/Mass Torts: Schlesinger Law Offices

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#### On the Rise

Todd Baker, Steinger Greene & Feiner

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