

Maryland attorney, author, and lecturer, Dov Apfel, receives lifetime achievement award.

Dov Apfel is this year's recipient of the Dan Cullan Memorial Award, a national lifetime achievement award conferred by the Executive Board of the Birth Trauma Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice.

Apfel was honored for his passionate and unwavering commitment to excellence in advocacy, for his devotion and service to the children and families he represents, and for his service to the organization. For more than 20 years, Apfel has played a "unique" role educating lawyers throughout the United States about how to prove when negligent care caused brain damage in a newborn. Among other achievements, Apfel has written two seminal law review articles, discussing litigation criteria adopted by physician groups in an attempt to limit their liability for brain injuries resulting from negligent care during labor.

Upon receiving the award, Mr. Apfel said that he is honored and privileged to be recognized nationally as a "child advocate." He expressed his desire to share the award with the children and families that he has represented and with other lawyers whose devotion and efforts help to improve the quality of medical care in the United States and elsewhere.

Apfel, a partner in Janet, Jenner, & Suggs, LLC, based in Baltimore, Maryland, represents children and their families in the pursuit of obstetrical malpractice claims, and is frequently sought out by lawyers throughout the United States to assist them with the evaluation of standard of care and causation issues that arise in cerebral palsy and birth trauma litigation.

Apfel is a founding Board member and former chairperson of the Medical Negligence Section of the Maryland Association of Justice and a former co-chair of the AAJ's Birth Trauma Litigation Group. He is a frequent lecturer at national medical-legal conferences and publishes extensively on legal and medical issues arising in birth trauma litigation. His most recent article, "When Every Minute Counts," appears in the May 2011 issue of TRIAL magazine.

Dan Cullan, M.D., J.D., in whose memory the award was established, was a nationally renowned physician and trial lawyer who was a tireless advocate for children who were injured by medical negligence.

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