

Winners of 2005 Civil Justice Foundation National Champion Award



Paul Sheridan
Former Chairman of the
*DaimlerChrysler Safety
Leadership Team*



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Civil Justice Foundation Breakfast - The Civil Justice Foundation awards modest grants to grassroots consumer advocacy groups. Since its inception in 1986, the Foundation has awarded over \$1 million to over 100 organizations. Father Thomas Patrick Doyle was honored with the Community Champion Award for his work as the premier advocate for those sexually abused by Catholic clergy. He thanked AAJ members for making "justice a reality" and offering victims *"credibility, solace, understanding, belief...[and] hope that justice is real; in fact, it's sacred."* Paul Sheridan, a former safety staffer turned whistleblower of Chrysler, was honored with the Consumer Advocate Champion Award. Paul's main message was that *"safety is a management issue...not an engineering issue."* Lastly, former Senator John Edwards received an award as a champion of civil justice, as a fighter on issues that make a difference to American families. Edwards said he was *"proud to be a trial lawyer"* because we all *"fight with strength and passion for what we believe in."* He called on AAJ members to continue the fight for the jury system and to be compassionate toward those who are struggling.