

## Winners of 2005 Civil Justice Foundation National Champion Award



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



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Paul V. Sheridan

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.



## Cornell Law School

Stewart J. Schwab  
The Allan R. Tessler Dean  
and Professor of Law

June 22, 2005

Dear Paul,

I was delighted to see that you are to be honored as a Community Champion by the Civil Justice Foundation in Toronto next month. Congratulations!

We are always pleased when an alumnus of Cornell University gets the recognition they richly deserve.

I hope you enjoy the occasion, & I wish you success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
Stef Schwab

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Dear Paul,

Thanks for stopping by during your recent visit to Ithaca and Cornell. Congratulations on being honored as a 2005 Community Champion by the Civil Justice Foundation. This is a wonderful personal and professional achievement.

Bob Swinga

**Summary of Performance Appraisal Comments  
Filed by Chrysler Executives  
Covering a Two Year Evaluation Period**

**Subject: Paul V. Sheridan  
Reference: Minivan Safety Leadership Team**

*"Paul (Sheridan) does a thorough, detailed, organized, and tireless job. He became an active promoter of advancing safety in the (minivan) program only slowing when the reality of the interest from management became apparent to him..."*

Ronald S. Zarowitz  
Manager, Safety Office, (810) 576 - 7305  
October 10, 1994

*"(Paul Sheridan) has directed various team efforts well, with a strong goal orientation, especially the (minivan) Safety Leadership Team..."*

Mark W. Clemons  
Manager, Chrysler-Plymouth Marketing, (313) 956 - 3763  
October 14, 1994

*"Overall I think Paul (Sheridan) has done an excellent job...He has been eager to get involved...Always very open and candid...good planning skills...Good team leader..."*

Bernard E. Swanson  
Executive Engineer-Minivan Platform  
October 16, 1994, (810) 576 - 2908

*"Paul (Sheridan) did a good job as Chairman of the Minivan Safety Leadership Team...He brings a valuable engineering perspective to his product planning role...He is willing to speak up when he disagrees, which is good..."*

Scott A. Sullivan  
Manager, Market Research  
October 12, 1994

*"I find (Paul Sheridan) to be very innovative and certainly not afraid to push the envelope. His professional yet open demeanor easily wins the respect of his colleagues. He is extremely knowledgeable, and may well be one of the best all around technical persons on staff...Paul is a valuable asset to the (minivan) platform and I rely on him to accomplish our mutual goals"*

Paul T. Doolan  
Engineering Programs Manager-Minivan  
October 10, 1994, (810) 576 - 4837



  
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