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Ken Shigley is the 2019 recipient of the [2019 Plaintiff Lawyer of Excellence Award](#) in the plaintiff lawyer category from the State Bar's General Practice & Trial Section. He was president of the State Bar of Georgia in 2011-2012.

With 42 years of law practice, he has broad advocacy experience in both plaintiff and defense practice. From 1995 to 2003, he was an effective neutral in hundreds of cases with Henning Mediation & Arbitration, during which time he got mediation training at Pepperdine University. He took a break from mediation to focus on his litigation practice. He is a former member of the Georgia Dispute Resolution Commission.

Mr. Shigley is the lead author of *Georgia Law of Torts: Trial Preparation & Practice* (Thomson Reuters West, 2010-19), which has been quoted as an authority several times by the Supreme Court of Georgia and federal courts. Ken is the first, and so far the only, Georgia lawyer to attain triple board certification from the National Board of Trial Advocacy, in Civil Trial Advocacy (1995), Civil Pretrial Advocacy (2012) and Truck Accident Law (2019).

A graduate of Furman University and Emory University Law School, Mr. Shigley also completed the Ultimate Trial Advocacy course at Harvard Law School, an executive education program at Harvard Kennedy School of Government and four regional programs of the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College. After graduation from Emory Law School, Mr. Shigley went home to begin his career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit, which then included the counties of Douglas, Haralson, Paulding and Polk. After a few years of hometown general practice in Douglas County, he joined an insurance defense firm in Atlanta with a statewide practice. In 1991, he left to launch his own plaintiffs' practice. He has successfully handled litigation of cases in the following 93 of Georgia's 159 counties.

Mr. Shigley has published numerous articles in legal journals and made scores of continuing legal education

presentations at both state and national levels. Among other places outside Georgia, he has been a presenter, program chair or moderator at continuing legal education programs in his practice area in Montreal, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boca Raton, Las Vegas, Nashville.