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## Lifetime Achievement: Don Keenan

"You will have 50 reasons not to follow a career in law and one reason to follow the law. Simple decision: Follow the law, don't look back."

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**Editor's note:** *the Lifetime Achievement honors are part of the Daily Report's annual Georgia Lawyer Awards, and the publication is proud to bestow the honor as part of its annual recognition of professional excellence.*



**Don Keenan of Keenan Law Firm.**  
(Courtesy photo)

*Don Keenan is principal of the Keenan Law Firm. The below answers were lightly edited for style and clarity.*

**Objectively, what achievements have defined your career, and subjectively, what have been your proudest accomplishments?**

Oprah Winfrey's Person of Courage award. Two-time recipient of National Trial Lawyer of year award. President of two national trial lawyer associations Inner Circle of Advocates and American Board Of Trial Advocates. Ellis Island Medal of honor. 12 legal books, nine legal DVDs and one general public book.

**What advice would you offer someone starting out (or considering) a career in law?**

You will have 50 reasons not to follow a career in law and one reason to follow the law. Simple decision: Follow the law, don't look back.

**Who most helped you achieve your career of success, and how did they do it?**

My hero, my grandfather who raised me once my father passed when I was a year and a -and-a-half old. Being a first immigrant Irish American, he infused the sacrifice and hope of a new

America. Then my wife of 46 of years who worked to support the early days of the law firm and the moral support to never give up despite overwhelming odds.

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