



2008 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Michael D. Monico

Michael D. Monico received his law degree from Northwestern University in 1973 and his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University in 1969. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois from 1973 through 1977.

Recognized as one of the premier criminal defense attorneys in the country, for the past thirty-one years Mr. Monico has represented individuals and corporations throughout the United States who have been the subject of federal and state criminal and regulatory investigations. He has been named to “The Best Lawyers in America” from 1991 to the present. He is President of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers and a Fellow of American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a Life Member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and has previously served on its Board and also as Regional Strike Force Coordinator.

He and his partner, Barry Spevack, author the only treatise on federal criminal law in the Seventh Circuit, titled: *Federal Criminal Practice: A Seventh Circuit Handbook*, now in its ninth edition.

Mr. Monico has been involved in many notable cases. He represented a pharmaceutical company executive in a Medicare fraud prosecution in Boston federal court. After a ten week trial, his client was granted a judgment of acquittal at the close of all evidence. He has also won acquittals in three separate criminal antitrust prosecutions in Kansas City, Peoria and Chicago. He represented the only lawyer acquitted in the Operation Greylord prosecutions in Chicago, an undercover operation that targeted corrupt judges and lawyers.

Mr. Monico comments regularly on television and radio about legal issues of national and local importance. He is frequently asked to speak at seminars on trial advocacy. He has taught trial advocacy at NITA, as well as at Chicago area law schools.

Please join IACDL in honoring Michael Monico as our 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient on Friday, November 7th, 2008 at the University Club (76 E. Monroe, Chicago).