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**THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE'S MEMBER(S) OF THE YEAR – LAURA L. PITTNER & MARLENE J. GOLDENBERG**

*As founders of the annual Women's Trial Lawyer Conference Laura Pittner and Marlene Goldenberg have helped to strengthen trial skills for women.*

BRAINERD, MN – The Minnesota Association for Justice (MAJ) has awarded Marlene J. Goldenberg and Laura L. Pittner its Member(s) of the Year award for their leadership in creating the Women's Trial Lawyer Conference (WTLC).

Professional associations work best when their members work together. MAJ's Member of the Year award is presented to a lawyer whose contributions to the organization in the last year has advanced MAJ's mission. Nothing exemplifies this idea more than the recipients of MAJ's 2018 Member(s) of the Year: Women's Trial Lawyer Conference Planning Committee. As a result of Ms. Pittner's and Ms. Goldenberg's leadership and persistence, the Women's Trial Lawyer Conference was held in November of 2017 at Grand View Lodge in Nisswa, MN. An off-shoot of MAJ's Women for Justice section, this event was created to help support female trial lawyers in Minnesota. The WTLC is a unique combination of cutting-edge legal education, trial skills seminar, networking and self-care.

Laura is a Partner at GoldenbergLaw. She has been with the firm since 2010 when she joined as a law clerk. Ms. Pittner represents individuals and families injured by defective medical devices and pharmaceuticals. She also represents victims in auto accident, workers compensation, product liability, chemical exposure, and premises liability claims.

In 2015, Laura Pittner was selected as a Minnesota Super Lawyer Rising Star and has been selected for that honor every year since.

Laura attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she majored in literature and women's studies. She then went on to attend law school at William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Marlene Goldenberg joined GoldenbergLaw at the age of fourteen and has held nearly every position in the firm since that time. Today, Marlene's practice is largely devoted to advocating for those who have been injured by defective medical devices and pharmaceutical drugs. Marlene also specializes in individual personal injury, product liability, and medical malpractice claims.

In 2014, Marlene Goldenberg was selected as an "Up and Coming Attorney" by Minnesota Lawyer, and in 2015, Marlene was selected as a "Rising Star" by Minnesota Super Lawyers.

Ms. Goldenberg graduated from Syracuse University, magna cum laude, majoring in international relations, political philosophy, and Spanish. She then attended William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota and BPP Law School in London, earning her J.D. and her Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL).

In addition to her legal work, Ms. Goldenberg is a Big Sister through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Minnesota and serves as a board member for the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis's Next Gen organization. Ms. Goldenberg also serves as a volunteer attorney for Children's Law Center, where she represents and advocates for the interests of children who are placed in foster care.

The Minnesota Association for Justice (MAJ) is a professional association of attorneys who represent injured Minnesotans seeking justice and advocate for a stronger civil justice system. MAJ defends the rights guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and Minnesota, foremost among them the right to a trial by a jury of peers and advocates for public policies that enhance consumer protections, accountability, and equal access to justice for all.

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