## JOE MCMONIGLE NAMED DISTINGUISHED DEFENSE ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR BY THE SAN FRANCISCO TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

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For over seventy years, the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association (SFTLA) has worked to promote civil justice through education and trial advocacy. While primarily focused on the plaintiff's bar, the SFTLA annually recognizes an outstanding defense attorney whose skills, ethics and character exemplify the best in the defense bar. This year the SFTLA recognized Joe McMonigle as the Distinguished Defense Attorney of the Year. As the SFTLA noted Joe's trial advocacy is marked by passion, conviction, the ability to tell a gripping story, a love of the game, a steady hand and a tremendous sense of humor. Joe has tried dozens of legal malpractice actions to conclusion throughout California. Legal malpractice actions require an understanding of a variety of legal disciplines giving Joe experience and insight into a wide spectrum of tort, commercial, and business disputes. Because of his ability to master diverse practice areas, clients frequently call upon Joe to try civil cases including contract, personal injury, and complex business disputes. Congratulations Joe!