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Public Justice named Mitch Baumeister for his work in the deadly 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, wherein more than \$500 million from the airline's insurers and \$2.7 billion from the Libyan government was recovered for the victims' families. The litigation marked the first and only time that a nation designated as a "state sponsor of terrorism" admitted its role in a terrorist attack and paid compensation to the victims' families. This was a long and hard-fought case against a formidable government defendant which spanned more than 20 years.

The winners of the award were chosen from a field of 20 nominated cases, five of which were chosen as finalists. The finalists were feted at the Public Justice Foundation's Annual Gala and Awards Dinner in San Francisco on Tuesday night, where the winners were named. The Public Justice Foundation bestows the award on lawyers who have won or settled socially significant cases in the last year.

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