



Mitch Baumeister is honored to have been named one of Public Justice Foundation's ***2009 Trial Lawyers of the Year.***

Public Justice named Mitch 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, hard-fought case against a formidable government defendant which spanned more than 20 years.

The Public Justice Foundation bestows this award on lawyers who made the greatest contribution to the public interest in a given year by trying or settling a socially significant case. The lawyers are evaluated based upon five criteria: the dedication, tenacity and skill of the trial lawyer involved; the public interest significance of the case; the harmfulness of the defendant's conduct; the result achieved by the lawyer; and the extent to which the case advances the goals of Public Justice which include protecting people and the environment, holding the powerful accountable, challenging government, corporate and individual wrongdoing, and increasing access to justice.