

LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED TO AMY E. ASKEW

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Kramon & Graham principal, Amy E. Askew, has been named Litigator of the Year by the Maryland State Bar Association Litigation Section Council. Ms. Askew was selected for her exceptional litigation skills, results for clients, professionalism, civility, service to the profession, and community service. She was presented with the award at the annual MSBA conference in Ocean City on June 16.

A successful trial attorney with more than 15 years of complex commercial, civil, and criminal litigation experience, Ms. Askew primarily represents the rail and health care industries and individuals in professional responsibility matters. In 2016, Ms. Askew served as a key member of the defense team that successfully represented one of six Baltimore police officers who were charged in connection with the death of Freddie Gray. The client was acquitted of all charges.

In congratulating Ms. Askew on the award, Andrew Jay Graham, Kramon & Graham co-founder and recipient of the inaugural Litigator of the Year award in 2012, commented, "Amy is a truly exceptional trial lawyer. She is a master storyteller who connects with jurors and makes the most complex facts seem simple. She is passionate about the legal profession and it shows through her success and dedication to client work." He added, "Amy played a crucial role in the defense of not only our client, but of all of the police officers who were charged in connection with the death of Freddie Gray. I am proud to see her many professional achievements honored with this award."

Other prominent Maryland lawyers who have been selected for the award include Alvin I. Frederick, Timothy F. Maloney, Jr., Kathleen Howard Meredith, and Ava E. Lias-Booker.

Ms. Askew's successful case results have led to numerous professional honors including recognition by Benchmark Litigation, Maryland Super Lawyers, and *The Daily Record's* Leading Women Award in 2010. She was named to *The Daily Record's* list of Maryland's Top 100 Women earlier this year.

Ms. Askew serves as an alumnae mentor with the Baltimore Girls' School Leadership Coalition and volunteers for My Sister's Place Women's Center's major fundraising effort.

Ms. Askew is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association, Bar Association of Baltimore City, American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, and National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel. She is a graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2001) and Franklin & Marshall College (B.A., 1996).

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