

OCTLA Top Gun 2012

Distinguished Achievement Award

Daniel J. Callahan is receiving the 2012 Distinguished Achievement Award for his relentless efforts in the Freedom Communications cases. Mr. Callahan was admitted to the bar in 1980 after graduating from the UC Davis School of Law. He is a partner at Callahan & Blaine, a firm which handles complex business, insurance litigation, serious injury and death cases. From 2003 through 2011, he spearheaded a series of cases that included a lengthy and complex trial against Freedom Communications (the parent company of the OC Register) on behalf of delivery workers misclassified as independent contractors. After nearly two months in trial, the defense agreed to an eight-figure settlement. Freedom then declared bankruptcy. By becoming head of the unsecured creditors committee, obtaining an assignment of rights by the debtor against its own directors and officers, and vigorously litigating that novel claim, Mr. Callahan obtained a total recovery exceeding \$30 million.

