

2019 LUMINARY AWARD



DONALD F. SAMUEL

Partner, Garland, Samuel & Loeb, P.C.

The Southern Center for Human Rights presents its Luminary Award to Donald F. Samuel for his incomparable ability to provide elite caliber defense to people charged with crimes and his commitment to improving the quality of criminal defense in Georgia.

Donald F. Samuel is a partner at the law firm of Garland, Samuel & Loeb, P.C. where his practice focuses on criminal defense. Don's storied career as a criminal defense attorney has earned him numerous accolades over his more than three decades of practice.

Don has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* every year since 1993. In 2014, *Best Lawyers in America* named him "Lawyer of the Year" in the field of criminal law in Georgia. In 2015, *Super Lawyers* magazine ranked Don one of the top ten lawyers in Georgia. He was awarded the Rees Smith Lifetime Achievement Award by the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in 2014.

Don is the author of criminal law treatises *Georgia Criminal Law Case Finder* (3rd Edition 2014) and *Eleventh Circuit Criminal Handbook*; numerous law review articles; and compilations of federal cases and criminal practice forms. He is a frequent guest at CNN and local television programs concerning legal matters. He is also an adjunct professor at Georgia State University.

Don is a graduate of Oberlin College and the University of Georgia School of Law. He is a former law clerk to United States District Court Judge Harold L. Murphy (N.D.Ga.).

Don is married to author Melissa Fay Greene, and they have nine children.



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