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# Richard James Medalie Named a Lifetime Achiever by Marquis Who's Who

Mr. Medalie has been endorsed by Marquis Who's Who as a leader in the legal industry

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HULL, MA, November 10, 2017 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Marquis Who's Who, the world's premier publisher of biographical profiles, is proud to name Richard James Medalie a Lifetime Achiever. An accomplished listee, Mr. Medalie celebrates many years' experience in his professional network, and has been noted for achievements, leadership qualities, and the credentials and successes he has accrued in his field. As in all Marquis Who's Who biographical volumes, individuals profiled are selected on the basis of current reference value. Factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in a field are all taken into account during the selection process.

Mr. Medalie is a 1958 graduate, cum laude, of the Harvard Law School, where he was the Case Editor of the Harvard Law Review. He has been admitted to practice as a member of the District of Columbia and New York bars. He practiced in those cities for over 50 years as an associate attorney in antitrust law at Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays, and Handler, and as a principal partner in the Washington corporate and commercial ADR and litigation law firm of Friedman and Medalie, and its predecessors. Mr. Medalie set up his own law office in Washington, DC, in 1998 and in Hull in 2006.

Mr. Medalie received a BA, summa cum laude, in Russian studies from the University of Minnesota in 1952, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Alpha Theta. He took a year off as the national vice president of educational affairs of the National Student Association, an experience recalled later as co-author and co-editor in "American Students Organize: Founding the National Student Association After World War II." Mr. Medalie studied on a Fulbright Scholarship at the University of London's School of Slavonic and East European Studies, where he perfected his Russian and studied Serbo-Croatian. Subsequently, he attended the Russian Research Center at Harvard on a Ford Fellowship, received an AM in Russian and East European studies in 1955, and authored two major articles on the Communist system -- "The Policy of Take-Over: The Stages of Totalitarian Development in Eastern Europe" and "The Communist Theory of State." In 1958, Mr. Medalie was selected as a member of the first U.S.-Soviet student exchange under the Lacy-Zaroubin U.S.-U.S.S.R. Exchange Agreement.

Mr. Medalie later served as a law clerk to the Honorable George T. Washington, Associate Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit. In the last years of the Eisenhower administration and the first years of Kennedy's, Mr. Medalie served in the U.S. Department of Justice as an assistant to

Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin and Solicitor General Archibald Cox. He worked on appellate briefs in over 50 cases and appeared in oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court. In the mid-60s, Mr. Medalie served with Sam Dash as deputy director of the new Ford Foundation Institute of Criminal Law and Procedure at the Georgetown University Law Center. Following the Supreme Court decision in *Miranda v. Arizona*, he authored "From Escobedo to Miranda: The Anatomy of a Supreme Court Decision" and directed a major research project on the impact of *Miranda*. The results of the research were published in an article co-authored by Mr. Medalie, "Custodial Police Interrogation in our Nation's Capital: The Attempt to Implement *Miranda*."

From May 1981 through September 1985, Mr. Medalie was the Chairman of a panel of arbitrators in one of the largest and most complex commercial arbitrations in the history of the American Arbitration Association, the 17-party Libyan Producers' Agreement Arbitration. Subsequently, he represented American and foreign banks in the Penn Central Reorganization and the Iranian Assets Freeze. He was also instrumental in organizing the litigation section of the American Bar Association in a campaign to amend the Federal Arbitration Act to provide for a rational method of appeal from a court's interlocutory order, and the DC Bar appointed him for a 12-year term as a commissioner of the DC Law Revision Commission. In 1993, at the reunion of his law school class, he and his peers created the Appleseed Foundation to "plant a seed" to grow public service activity with lawyers and other professionals and to focus on broad systemic social initiatives. Mr. Medalie was the chairman of Appleseed for most of its first decade. Appleseed has a national office with 17 centers nationwide, with approximately 80 staff members.

Mr. Medalie served as the chairman of the Harvard Law School Fund in 1987-89 and as a law school director of the university's Harvard Alumni Association in 1991-95. He is a life fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a life member of the American Law Institute, and a member of the Cosmos Club of Washington, DC. Mr. Medalie is the son of William and Mona Medalie. He was married to Susan Diane Abrams in 1960. They have two children: Samuel David and Daniel Alexander. He has been featured in the 44th to the 70th editions of *Who's Who in America*, 4th to 16th editions of *Who's Who in American Law*, 29th to 35th editions of *Who's Who in the East*, and the 22nd to 28th editions of *Who's Who in the World*.

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In recognition of outstanding contributions to his profession and the Marquis *Who's Who* community,

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