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The annual Professional Excellence Awards give us a chance to acknowledge both new and seasoned lawyers who have made their mark in the industry and have earned the trust and respect of their clients and peers. This year's group of honorees has demonstrated knowledge, skill and compassion, recognized by the peers and clients who nominated them. We are proud to present the 2020 class to you.

We wish all the winners and coworkers a successful rest of 2020 and trust that the excellent work will continue in the years to come. Thanks to all for your enthusiastic participation.

Michael Marciano

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Our congratulations and best wishes to all of the firms and honorees who are being recognized for their accomplishments in the Connecticut Law Tribune's Connecticut Legal Awards 2020.

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Jay Sicklick

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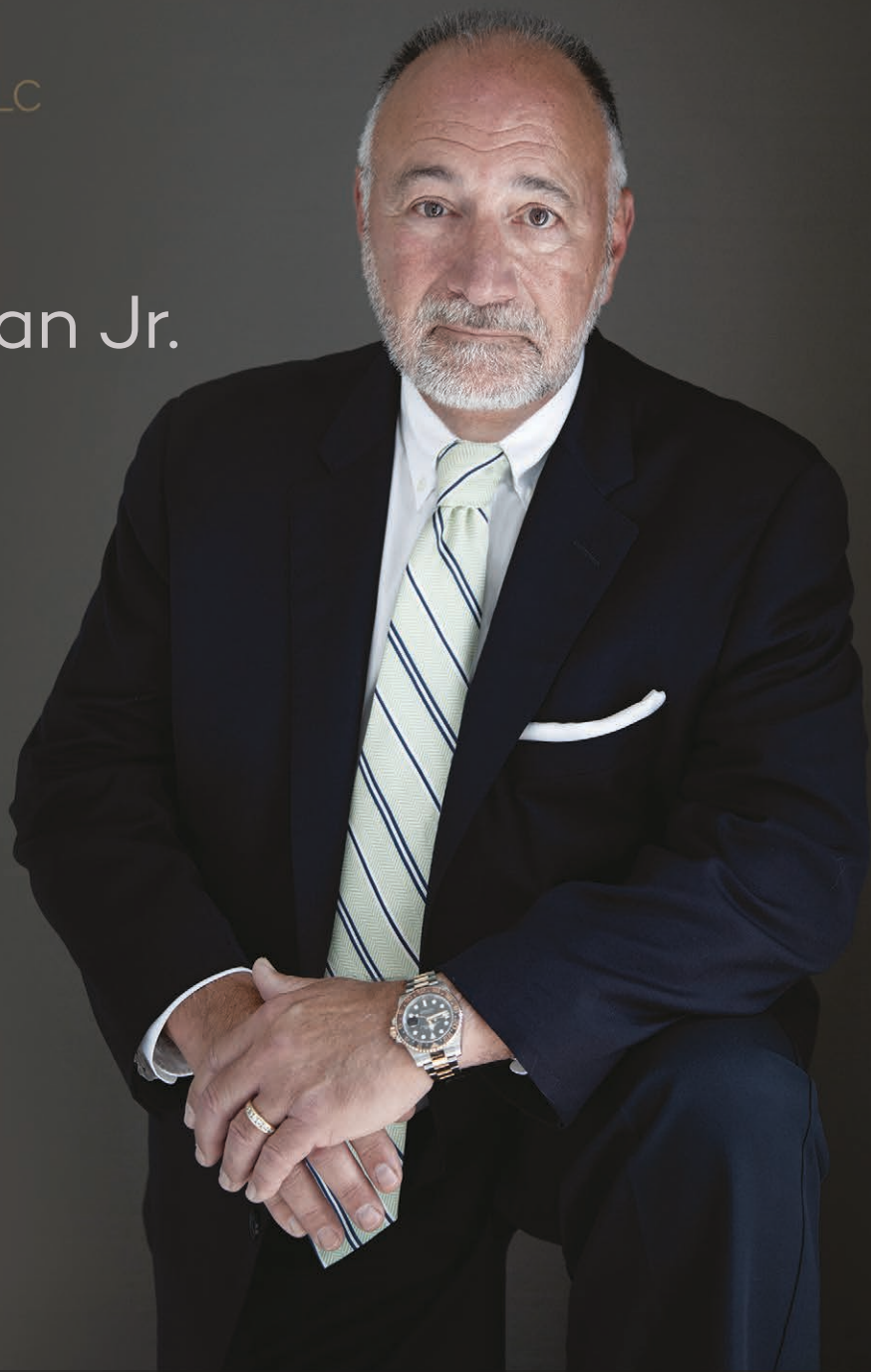


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Lisa Proch

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