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Brian McKeen, managing partner of McKeen & Associates of Detroit, awarded attorney Sherwin Schreier the Michigan Association for Justice (MAJ) Champion of Justice Award posthumously at the MAJ convention Saturday, May 16.

Schreier, who passed away last year at age 78, was a partner at the Royal Oak-based law firm, Schreier & Schreier PC. He served as the MAJ president from 1984-1985 and was president of the State Bar's Negligence Section from 1979-1980. In the late 1980s Schreier led the battle against tort reform. The Michigan Defense Trial Counsel honored him with the Respected Advocate Award in 2003.

“Sherwin was a great lawyer and an even better person,” said McKeen. “His career spanned more than 50 years, during which he exemplified the highest standards of our profession. He was universally respect and admired by judges and lawyers on both sides of the bar. His passing leaves a void in the profession, but his legacy will live on through his two sons, Mark and Jay, who have followed in his footsteps.”

On his behalf, Schreier's wife, Sandy, accepted the honor at the annual convention and banquet which was held at the Westin Book Cadillac in Detroit.