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Neil V. Getnick received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund. Getnick accepted the award at the organization's 11th annual awards dinner on September 13, 2011 in Washington, DC.

"Neil's exceptional leadership on anti-fraud issues has improved business integrity practices throughout the country and has helped elevate whistleblower law to the critical role it plays today in protecting government programs from fraud," said James B. Helmer, Jr., Esq., a member of Taxpayers Against Fraud's President's Council, who presented the award to Getnick at the awards dinner.

Getnick and his firm – Getnick & Getnick – have won some of the largest whistleblower cases in U.S. history.

In 2010, he and his firm won a \$600 million Medicaid recovery that resulted in the largest reward ever to a single whistleblower in the case U.S. ex rel. Cheryl Eckard v. Glaxo Smith Kline.

In 2003, he and his firm won a \$251 million Medicaid recovery, then the largest in U.S. history, in the case U.S. ex rel. George Couto v. Bayer Corporation USA.

Getnick serves as chairman of Taxpayers Against Fraud.

He played a leading role in the passage of the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act amendments in New York last year, which transformed the New York False Claims Act into the strongest such law in the country.

He also is the chairman of the New York State Bar Association's Civil Prosecution Committee and is the Chairman and President of the International Association of Independent Private Sector Inspectors General.

After 9/11, he and his firm were appointed as integrity monitors for the World Trade Center disaster clean-up.

"This award means a lot to me because I deeply believe in the important work that Taxpayers Against Fraud does to promote business integrity in a way that benefits both the general public and the business community," Getnick said.