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Opening Remarks

It is my honor and privilege on behalf of our host, the *New York Law Journal*, to welcome this evening's honorees, award finalists, and their guests.

I am privileged to be a finalist in the individual innovation award category. But the reality is that whatever I may have achieved results from the group effort of our law firm.

Getnick Law is a three-generation law firm which my father and I co-founded in 1983. From the start, we were joined by my brother Michael, as counsel to the firm. You may recognize his name as he is a former president of the New York State Bar Association. My wife, Peggy is a partner, and our daughter Courtney, a senior associate. I have the privilege and benefit of practicing law every day with my family and my best friends, I want to recognize my partners Richard Dircks and Lesley Ann Skillen, who are here along with our office manager, Denise Ward, and our senior paralegal Denise McCartney.

Our law firm's guiding principle is that good conduct is good business. We have built our practice on three constants: No to the wrong cases; No to the wrong clients; and No to the wrong colleagues; and two out of three doesn't count. That may sound like a lot of noes but, following that consistently, results in the right cases, for the right clients, with the right colleagues.

All of us in our profession face challenges and pressures, but I have found that following these guideposts, especially given my colleagues whom I've already mentioned, has provided a consistent source of joy. I wish the same for all of you in attendance this evening.

Again, congratulations to our honorees and best of luck to our award finalists. I am honored to be counted amongst you.