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Coal County attorney earns national, state recognition



Natural resources attorney Trae Gray

Coal County attorney and LandownerFirm.com founder, Trae Gray, has been recognized at both the national level, by the National Law Journal, and the state level, by Oklahoma Magazine, for his achievements as an attorney and as an outstanding Oklahoman.

In the March 24-28 issue of the prestigious National Law Journal, Gray's recent work in achieving a \$73 million jury verdict on behalf of three Mill Creek, Okla. families was included among the nation's

"Top 100 Verdicts for 2013." This listing features Gray and his co-counsel, Jason Aamodt of the Environmental Law Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Mill Creek verdict -- which was awarded for damages caused by a 10 million gallon sewage spill into the creeks and streams of the Mill Creek families -- was the 23rd largest verdict of the year and the second largest environmental law verdict on the "Top 100 Verdicts List" for 2013. This case was also one of the largest jury verdicts ever in Oklahoma.

The "Top 100 Verdicts List" is compiled by ALM Media's Verdict-Search in association with the National Law Journal and it is the most comprehensive annual review of major U.S. trial verdicts.

"As a trial lawyer, it's an honor to be included on this important national list, but the real achievement is what it represents for our clients," Gray said.

Gray also noted that attorneys, Ryan Ellis of LandownerFirm.com and Krystina

Phillips and Dallas Strimple of The Environmental Law Center were members of the combined legal team that helped achieve the verdict.

Here in Oklahoma, Gray also has been recognized by Tulsa-based Oklahoma Magazine as a member in the statewide "40 Under 40" class of 2014. Gray and 39 other Oklahoma professionals are being recognized for their professional achievements and contributions to their community.

The "40 Under 40" class of 2014 is featured in the April issue of the magazine and in an online section of the magazine's website that will be posted for the remainder of 2014.

Oklahoma Magazine's "40 Under 40" class is selected by a special panel, based on nominations submitted for the annual award feature.

Gray was nominated by Harland C. Stonecipher, founder and former CEO of Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. and a LandownerFirm.com client.

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