

ROBERT F. TYSON, JR. NAMED SAN DIEGO DEFENSE LAWYER OF THE YEAR 2011

SAN DIEGO (11/12/11) – Tyson & Mendes LLP is proud to announce that managing partner Robert F. Tyson, Jr. has been named the 2011 San Diego Defense Lawyer of the Year.

Each year, the San Diego Defense Lawyers organization (SDDL) honors one attorney among its members for an exceptional professional achievement. The attorney being honored has experienced success in a significant case, or similarly, has had a lifetime of significant achievements for the defense.

Mr. Tyson is being recognized for his landmark victory in the case, Howell v. Hamilton Meats. In *Howell*, Mr. Tyson argued before the California Supreme Court on the multi-billion dollar issue of whether an injured plaintiff is entitled to recover the total amount of her medical bills from medical care providers or the much lesser amount that was actually paid by health insurance. The Supreme Court's favorable ruling for Mr. Tyson's client, Hamilton Meats, has changed the way medical damages are calculated in personal injury cases to the tune of billions of dollars a year.

Mr. Tyson is a trial attorney with 23 years of experience defending complex business and insurance litigation matters including products liability, employment, professional liability, and environmental law. Mr. Tyson has been recognized as a San Diego Super Lawyer and as one of ten "Top Attorneys" in San Diego by the *San Diego Daily Transcript*.

Mr. Tyson will be honored as Defense Lawyer of the Year at the SDDL's Annual Installation Gala on January 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at The New Children's Museum in downtown San Diego.