

# ORT honors Friedman, Wild with Jurisprudence Awards

The ORT 2022 Jurisprudence Awards was attended by 100 people as the event returned in person June 23 at The Union Club in Cleveland to honor Heidi B. Friedman, a partner at Thompson Hine LLP, and Jeffrey J. Wild, a firm administrative partner and chief strategy officer at Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP.

The event was co-chaired by Jill G. Okun, a partner at Porter Wright Morris & Arther LLP, and Kenneth B. Liffman, president of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co., LPA. It honors legal professionals who are making a difference in their profession and community.

Liffman, who is a member of the Cleveland Jewish News Foundation Board of Directors, started the jurisprudence award event 25 years ago and was honored with the award in 2012. The ORT Jurisprudence Award recipients are chosen by a nominating committee that thoroughly reviews numerous lawyers.

For the last two years the event took place virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic and this was the first time the event was fully in person since 2019.



▲ Heidi B. Friedman and Jeffrey J. Wild, honorees of the 2022 Jurisprudence Awards. | Photos / Mariana Edelman Photography & Design



▲ Jeffrey J. Wild, left, receives his award from colleague Ira Kaplan.



▲ Heidi B. Friedman, left, poses with her award with Niki Schaefer.

## Zukerman president-elect of CMBA Foundation

Larry W. Zukerman was named the 2022-23 president-elect of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation.

He replaces president Lee Ann O'Brien, who served from 2021 to 2022 and was the first business affiliate, non-lawyer president.

Zukerman is the managing partner of Zukerman, Lear & Murray, Co., LPA in Cleveland. He is a criminal defense attorney and has been an adjunct professor of law at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law for 23

years.

In addition to his leadership at the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, he is involved in other legal communities such as local and state criminal bar associations and the William K. Thomas Inn of Court, according to a news release.

"While we are proud and should be proud of what we've accomplished, we have so much more to do," Zukerman said in an interview with the bar association

Zukerman began practicing law in 1985 after graduating from CWRU and founded Zukerman and Associates in 1993. He was a part of the bar association when the foundation was in its infancy 15 years ago, the release stated.



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