

Ephraim Savitt Website—Accolades

U.S. Department of Justice Director’s Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney (Feb. 22, 1990) (for the U.S. v. Gene Gotti, et al. prosecution)

In 1990, I received the Director’s Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, one of the highest honors bestowed by the Department of Justice. That award was conferred for my central role in the investigation and prosecution of high-ranking organized crime members, who had, for the prior 7 years, avoided conviction. Their convictions marked the Justice Department’s first successful prosecution of top members of the most powerful Mafia family in the New York area at the time.

U.S. Secret Service Award for Outstanding Assistance as AUSA (1985) (for prosecution in U.S. v. Giuseppe Pugliese, et al., involving attempted murder shooting of witness)

In 1985, I was awarded by the U.S. Secret Service for my “outstanding assistance and performance” in investigating and successfully prosecuting the principals of the largest counterfeit distribution network in the country. The defendants had previously avoided prosecution through bribery, threats, violence and a gangland-style shooting of an essential witness. The Secret Service also showed its gratitude by arranging for my meeting in December 1985 with President Ronald Reagan, who personally signed a note of appreciation to me below my photo with the President.

Martindale-Hubbell Highest AV rating in both professionalism and ethics

For nearly 2 decades, I have consistently been awarded the Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rating, which is “the highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards reflecting the confidential opinions of members of the Bar and Judiciary.”

Super Lawyers in criminal and white collar defense

Since 2012, I have also been chosen, based on peer review, as a Super Lawyer in the list of New York attorneys, comprising less than 5% of attorneys in the state, whose practice concentrates on criminal and white collar defense. The Super Lawyers directory is an index of attorneys “who exhibit excellence in the practice of law.”

