

# Court Notebook: Lawyer Edward Menkin honored by bar association



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Edward Z. Menkin: Distinguished Lawyer of the Year.

Lawyer Edward Z. Menkin was named the OCBA's "Distinguished Lawyer of the Year" in recognition of his wit and expertise in criminal defense law.

After an earlier career as an elementary school and college English teacher, Menkin turned to a legal career, graduating from the SU College of Law in 1977.

After two years as an assistant Onondaga County district attorney, Menkin went into private practice, specializing in criminal defense, personal injury matters and the representation of lawyers and doctors in professional disciplinary and licensing matters.