



JUDGE JUDY SHEINDLIN
TO RECEIVE THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
AT THE 46TH DAYTIME EMMY AWARDS

“Judge Judy” Is America’s Top Program in First-run Syndication for the Last 10 Years

NEW YORK, NY — March 13, 2019 – The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences announced today that Judge Judith Sheindlin will receive the Emmy® Award for Lifetime Achievement at the 46th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards ceremony on May 5, 2019. Judge Sheindlin is the first of her genre – for courtroom or legal programming — to be so recognized for her career-long contributions to the television industry.

“The Daytime Emmy Awards recognize both the excellence and vibrant diversity of daytime television programming,” said NATAS President & CEO Adam Sharp. “Judge Judy Sheindlin epitomizes both, shaping one of the mainstay genres of our medium.”

“Daytime Television wouldn’t be what it is today without Judy Sheindlin,” said David Michaels, Senior Vice-President and Executive Producer of the Daytime Emmy® Awards. “Judge Judy redefined and reinvigorated the courtroom format propelling the genre to new heights.”

Judge Sheindlin’s Life Achievement will be presented at the 46th Annual Daytime Emmy® Awards on Sunday, May 5, 2019. “Judge Judy” has been the #1 program in first-run syndication for the last decade averaging 10 million daily viewers.

The Daytime Emmy Awards recognize outstanding achievement in all fields of daytime television and are presented to individuals and programs broadcast from 2:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. during the 2018 calendar year.

The 46th Annual Daytime Creative Arts Emmy Awards and The Daytime Emmy Awards is a presentation of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Sheindlin has presided over the Emmy® Award-winning “Judge Judy” since its debut in 1996. In addition to “Judge Judy” being the # 1 first-run syndicated program, it is also the highest-rated court program for every season it has been on the air. The broadcast was recognized with Daytime Emmy® Awards for “Outstanding Legal/Courtroom Program” in 2013, 2016, and 2017.

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Born in Brooklyn, Sheindlin earned her law degree at New York Law School and was a New York City Family Court prosecutor when appointed to the Family Court bench in 1982 by Mayor Edward I. Koch. She became Supervising Judge in 1986 and heard more than 20,000 cases. During her years on the bench she earned a reputation for tough, no-nonsense jurisprudence, and established an "open court policy" which let the public and media view the family court process. Approached with the possibility of her own show after an appearance on "60 Minutes," Sheindlin premiered as television's "Judge Judy" on September 16, 1996, and later created other new productions, including the current hit, "Hot Bench," now in its fifth season.

Judge Sheindlin was honored for her trailblazing work with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, situated next to her good friend, actor Sidney Poitier. She's also received the "Gracie Allen Tribute Award" from American Women in Radio and Television for her contributions to the broadcasting industry, and the "Brandon Tartikoff Legacy Award" named after the late broadcasting pioneer. In 2012, Judge Sheindlin was inducted into the prestigious Broadcasting & Cable "Hall of Fame," for her contributions to the TV business.

A vivid and enduring presence in millions of American homes ("Who doesn't love Judge Judy?" asked former President Barack Obama) Judge Sheindlin has been a guest on "Today," "Good Morning America," "Dateline NBC," "Larry King Live," "Jimmy Kimmel Live," "The Tonight Show," "The Late Show," "The View," "Ellen" and "Entertainment Tonight."

The author of multiple bestselling books for adults and children, Sheindlin is also an active philanthropist. She is married to Judge Jerry Sheindlin, a former judge of the Supreme Court of New York. They have five children and 13 grandchildren.

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The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) is a service organization dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television and the promotion of creative leadership for artistic, educational, and technical achievements within the television industry. It recognizes excellence in television with the coveted Emmy® Awards for News & Documentary, Sports, Daytime and Daytime Creative Arts programming, as well as achievements in television Technology & Engineering.

NATAS membership consists of more than 17,000 broadcast and media professionals represented in 19 regional chapters across the country. Beyond awards, NATAS has extensive educational programs including regional student television and its Student Award for Excellence and the National Student Production Awards for outstanding journalistic work by high school students, as well as scholarships, publications, and major activities for both industry professionals and the viewing public.

NATAS celebrates the life experiences and diversity of our team, our members, and the vibrant community of creative professionals we serve. For more information, please visit the website at www.emmyonline.com

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