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REGAN ZAMBRI & LONG, PLLC

A **BOUTIQUE FIRM WITH BIG FIRM CAPABILITIES,** Regan Zambri & Long has been called "DC's top personal injury boutique" by *Washingtonian* Magazine. The firm specializes in representing consumers in cases involving medical malpractice, wrongful death, birth injuries, defective products, automobile collisions, consumer fraud, and other serious injury. The firm uses its extensive financial backing to put its clients on equal footing with their adversaries. "Through our hard work, we obtain for our clients the financial and other resources they need to support their families and put their lives back together," says firm President Patrick Regan, an inclusion in this year's *Best Lawyers in America*, along with partners Salvatore Zambri and Catherine Bertram.

ABOVE ALL ELSE, MR. REGAN VALUES HIS reputation as a responsible, dedicated attorney, a reputation built over his nearly three decades of practice. He adheres to the highest ethical standards of the law, and gives each person who comes into his office the utmost attention. Mr. Regan's careful selectivity with his caseload affords him the time and resources needed to sit down with each potential client and truly explore their case, and ensures his ability to help them both in and out of the courtroom.

MR. REGAN AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE A LONG LIST OF multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements for injured people and their families to their credit. The firm recently obtained a verdict of more than \$5,000,000 for a father and his 14 year-old son, who were killed when their vehicle was struck head-on by a drunk driver. Mr. Regan obtained the largest wrongful death settlement ever recorded against Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on behalf of Sally McGhee, who was hit by a bus in the middle of a crosswalk in 2006. The firm is currently representing the estate and six children of a woman who was killed in the Metro subway crash of June 2009.



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From Left: Victor E. Long, Jacqueline T. Colclough, Patrick M. Regan, Paul J. Cornoni, Amy S. Gurgle, Salvatore J. Zambri, Catherine D. Bertram

THE PAST FEW YEARS HAVE ALSO SEEN

Mr. Regan's induction into the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and Mr. Zambri's term as President of the Trial Lawyers Association of Metropolitan Washington, DC. In one of the practice's most noteworthy accomplishments, Mr. Regan was lead counsel in the lawsuit between the family of David Rosenbaum and the District of Columbia, in which the Rosenbaum family voluntarily gave up any monetary settlement in exchange for the District's agreement to enact significant reforms in the provision of emergency medical services. "As a result of this legal case and the selfless decision by the Rosenbaum family, the District has made fundamental changes in its ambulance service which have improved the lives and safety of all citizens in the District," says Mr. Regan.

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CLIENT APPRECIATION HELPS DRIVE PATRICK M. REGAN TO SUCCEED

Every December, Patrick M. Regan knows they will come, just as they have for the last 15 years. The holiday greeting and accompanying photo make him smile. And just as he has done for years, Regan will place the updated photo in a frame on his desk. The simple gifts are symbols of thanks from a client Regan helped long ago — a mother of five daughters whose husband was killed in a serious accident.

For more than 30 years Regan has focused his practice on representing clients in medical malpractice, product liability and other serious personal injury and wrongful death cases. Regan has handled more than 60 cases that have resulted in settlements or verdicts in excess of \$1 million.

“After a case is successfully tried or resolved through a settlement process, we have a client or a family who is truly grateful for the time, energy and effort that we put into their case,” Regan says. “People come to me at the lowest point of their lives after suffering a great tragedy or losing a loved one. We are able to help them rebuild their lives. It’s very rewarding.”

Regan has found that through relentless effort and perseverance, some positivity can come out of life-changing tragedies. Such was the case of David Rosenbaum, a *New York Times* reporter. A robbery attack left Rosenbaum with a critical head injury. It took the emergency rescue personnel more than an hour to get to the hospital because of a series of unconscionable delays, Regan says.

When Rosenbaum arrived to the emergency room, one of the rescue personnel gave the correct information to one of the nurses at the hospital. But another nurse mistakenly assumed that Rosenbaum was drunk, and took the stretcher down the hall out of sight of everyone, where he stayed for an hour, Regan says. Rosenbaum died from his injuries.

“Rosenbaum’s family told the city that if it promised to establish a task force to investigate what happened and consider implementing ways to change how emergency medical services are provided, the family would dismiss the law suit for no money,” Regan says. “The city agreed.”

The task force included local leaders and experts from around the country.

“For years to come, people will continue to benefit from the changes that occurred from Rosenbaum’s case,” Regan says. “I hope that this case will inspire other lawyers to look for ways to effect powerful safety changes through an individual’s tragedy. Because of the nature of our cases, we don’t always have that opportunity.”

Regan also represented Rosenbaum’s family with a claim against the hospital. Before the trial, Regan was able to achieve a settlement on the family’s behalf.

Regan is committed to his clients, despite any obstacles he may face. He is currently working on the case of a man who was severely burned when he was 12 as a result of a defective smoke detector and subsequent fire. The incident burned more than 70 percent of his body, and he lost both legs.

Regan took this case to the Maryland Court of Appeals three separate times. The trial is set to begin in September 2011. The man has now graduated from college and has a family of his own.

“I still remember the day that his father retained me,” Regan says. “This case has taken 13 years to get to trial, but this man is a very deserving client. Each time that we suffered a setback, we took the case to the appeals court and we won.”

Regan finds that each case is unique with its own challenges.

“Nothing is repetitive,” he says. “Even though I have investigated hundreds of medical malpractice cases, no two of them are alike. You are constantly learning new information, new ways of helping clients, new ways of trying cases, and new ways of presenting evidence.”

Being a trial lawyer is not a 9 to 5 job, Regan says.

“If you are not prepared, you are not going to do well. If you are not prepared, you are letting your clients down,” Regan says. “At the end of the day, I want to make sure that my client is happy, and that we have done everything we can to be as successful as possible for them.”

Regan earned his JD from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America in 1980.

A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Regan received the “Trial Lawyer of the Year” award from the Trial Lawyers Association of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. He currently serves on the Board of Governors of the American Association for Justice.

Regan contributes much of his time and resources to numerous civic and charitable organizations. He volunteered with Trial Lawyers Care representing families who lost loved ones in the September 11 tragedies. His firm sponsors annual charity events and gives away free bike helmets to needy children, in addition to other projects.

—Ashley Cisneros



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