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PANISH, SHEA & BOYLE LLP

PANISH, SHEA, & BOYLE (PS&B) will not accept simply letting its reputation speak for itself. The plaintiffs' lawyers' decades of work and their legendary aggression have made a difference in the lives of the thousands of individuals and their families who have been harmed, either physically or financially, through corporations' negligence and disregard for human life. Whereas many firms work to reach a place where their name alone is enough to provoke a settlement offer, PS&B is not in the business of getting its clients anything less than maximum compensation. The firm's attorneys are there to go to court, and they make their intentions known from the start. "We push the ball down the field and always end up in the end zone," says Brian Panish.

IT IS PRECISELY THIS REFUSAL TO ACCEPT anything other than full and fair compensation for their clients that allows the lawyers at PS&B to devote their entire focus to seeking justice for those who have been catastrophically injured in plane, train, and automobile accidents, by defective products, harmful pharmaceuticals, and business fraud. Working on a contingency basis (that is, no fee unless they win), the firm represents a wide array of people and families, ranging from below-the-poverty line immigrants to entertainment industry moguls and titans of corporate America, all of whom are seeking the same mutual justice. "All of our clients have one thing in common: they have been put in awful situations but have the courage to fight," says Adam Shea.

IT'S NO SECRET THAT PS&B RELISHES seeing corporations and insurance companies pay for their wrongdoing; it's a combination of this satisfaction and an unrelenting confidence in the facts of their cases that drives the firm's attorneys to the courtroom where most other attorneys would settle. The defendants that the firm typically goes up against are wealthy and intimidating corporate and government entities, many of which have become blind to the implications of their actions (or inactions); PS&B refuses to be daunted by size or stature.

THE AGGRESSIVE FIRM EMBRACES TRIAL where most others would choose to seek settlement. The firm recently obtained a multi-million dollar verdict for the parents of a 39 year-old severely mentally and physically disabled man who choked to death when left unattended by a care facility (*Don Dino Dominguez v. SCLARC*). The firm also recently obtained a \$21 million verdict for a 29 year-old Iraq war veteran who was injured in an auto-accident shortly after returning home from the war (*Nelsen v. Hillyard*). The firm is currently preparing for trial in several high-profile aviation disaster cases, as well as serving as Lead Counsel for the victims of the Chatsworth Metrolink Train Disaster. "We would like to try them all, but the smarter defendants don't always let us get in front of a jury," says Kevin Boyle.

FIRM FACT:

Among numerous other records, PS&B has obtained the largest product liability verdict in U.S. history and the largest single-plaintiff personal injury verdict in California history.

All three eponymous partners have been named for inclusion as the Los Angeles area's *Best Lawyers*®, to add to the other accolades they've collected over the years. Their lawyers have been named in the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in Nation" by *The National Law Journal*, Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles, and the "Top 100 Lawyers in California" by *The Daily Journal*. The firm itself was the only Los Angeles-area law firm to be named a "Top 12 Plaintiffs Law Firms in the Nation" by the NLJ.



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