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The father-son team behind the Georgia law firm, Malone Law, is dedicated to obtaining justice for those who have suffered catastrophic injuries or death as the result of the carelessness of others.

Tommy Malone and his son, Adam, not only help their clients piece their lives back together, but they also work to ensure each multi-million dollar verdict levied against negligent trucking companies, hospitals, or other responsible parties means other people in the future may be spared the unfortunate injuries their clients suffered.

“Sometimes verdicts are the only way of getting trucking companies to take notice and enforce their rules and the laws when their drivers are steering 70,000 pounds of potential destruction down the highway,” Tommy Malone says.

Nearly five years ago, the life of a pre-med student was forever changed when the car he was riding in was broadsided by a large truck on a San Jose, CA highway. The man suffered a traumatic brain injury as a result of the wreck, which involved two trucks: one truck that drifted across the center line of the narrow, two-lane highway, sideswiping an 18-wheeler before colliding with the car carrying the man. The jury held the defendants liable for nearly \$50 million in order to make up for the tremendous past and future medical expenses required to take care of him because of his debilitating brain injury, his lost wages, and the physical pain and emotional suffering he will endure the rest of his life.

“There’s not enough money in the world to make up for the losses our clients have suffered,” says Tommy Malone. “But the results of our work will at least help to ease the financial burden of medical expenses and lost wages that our clients have to endure for the rest of their lives.”



Right to left: Tommy Malone, Adam Malone

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The Malones’ dedication to helping others extends beyond their individual clients. Recently, Tommy, who serves on the Board of Trustees for the Shepherd Center and Mercer University, was named to the 2013 class of the Carter Center Board of Councilors, an organization that works with former President Jimmy Carter to serve as a link between the community and the Carter Center. In 2012, Adam Malone was inducted as a fellow into the International Society of Barristers and was honored by the American Association for Justice (AAJ) with the Wiedemann & Wysocki Award, which is bestowed upon members deemed to have exceeded their commitments to the principles of the civil justice system and the AAJ.

“I can’t think of a more important job than to help people regain their footing after their lives are virtually destroyed,” says Adam Malone. “Being able to make a true difference is what keeps us coming to work every day.” ■

MALONE LAW



Right to left: Thomas Malone, Adam Malone

For more than 40 years, Malone Law has championed severe injury and wrongful death cases—whether caused by carelessness on the highway, in the hospital, or elsewhere. The firm’s founder, Thomas “Tommy” Malone, is proud to share his passion for justice with his son, Adam, who has been practicing with him for more than a decade.

“One of the greatest pleasures I have today is practicing law with my son,” said Malone. “I am proud to know Adam shares in what has always been the driving force in my life, which is believing that we make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and do things that bring about wide-ranging improvement in security measures, safety measures and standard of care measures,” said Malone.

Tommy, a pioneer in his field, has published two books on jury selection and closing argument, and contributed numerous book chapters and scores of professional articles on trucking industry liability, medical negligence, and traumatic brain injury.

Tommy and Adam are both nationally-known trial lawyers. Both are selected annually for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Super Lawyers*®, and both are AV®-rated by Martindale-Hubbell®.

Adam’s many achievements include his role as lead counsel in a negligence case that resulted in a 2010 change in Georgia law where the Georgia Supreme Court held legislative caps on noneconomic damages unconstitutional. This landmark decision returned power to our citizen jurors to hear the evidence in each case, and determine the value of all losses suffered by those injured by negligence.

“The most severely injured victims of negligence are no longer restricted by a legislatively imposed cap,” Malone said. “Our cherished right to self-govern from a jury box is a fundamental right protected by the Constitution and cannot be violated.”

Together, Tommy and Adam work hard to help the severely injured and their families recover full and adequate compensation and to ensure a fair measure of accountability to those who negligently cause harm in the trucking, aviation, and transportation industry, to manufacturers of dangerous and defective products, and the medical industry so their errors can be corrected and avoid needlessly harming others.

“My dad and I are privileged to work together every day trying to make a difference in the quality of life for other people. I can’t think of anything more worthwhile or worthy than being able to be a part of that,” says Adam Malone.

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