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PHILADELPHIA LAW: CATASTROPHIC INJURY



## **FIGHTING FOR CHANGE**

When victims of catastrophic injury need help, they want **Marino Associates** in their corner.

hen it comes to prominent fighters from Philadelphia, Steven Marino and Joseph Auddino hold their own. With a passion for justice, the experienced trial lawyers at the premier Philadelphia firm Marino Associates are the team clients want in cases of catastrophic loss or injury.

"We like a challenge," Auddino says. "As trial lawyers, we fight to protect people whose rights have fallen by the wayside."

"Whether an injury either physically or to someone's character—arises due to medical malpractice, personal injury, or a civil rights violation, we'll find the client a remedy," says Marino.

The two former assistant district attorneys—and current boxers in their downtime—are a uniquely qualified team with valuable perspective when it comes to protecting the vulnerable. With combined decades of experience advocating for victims from positions of public service, Marino and Auddino saw an opportunity to help clients further, carrying their dedication and perseverance into civil practice.

"What drove me to become a district attorney was protecting victims of crime, because crime happens all the time and people rarely find compensation," says Auddino. "They deserve to have hope that their rights are protected and justice will prevail."

## **Knowledge is Power**

"We're dedicated to helping others who can't help themselves," Auddino notes. "Our clients have suffered significant damage, and moving their cases into the court system allows us to help them achieve some compensation for their loss." For Marino Associates, that often means shepherding a case from state to federal jurisdictions, a capability not all attorneys can say they offer.

Knowing the court requires being familiar with not just the local system but also understanding other jurisdictions. Even developing a better understanding of how a certain judge runs their courtroom is fundamental, according to Auddino, especially in cases where relief and compensation are complicated words.

"In our profession, we see tremendous loss and suffering. Our clients come to us in such vulnerable states. Their lives have been permanently altered because of injuries they've suffered," says Marino. "What we do is help provide a remedy. The judicial system doesn't compensate victims of personal injury appropriately, but we try to get the best compensation available, and the only compensation available in our system of justice is money."

For Marino Associates, success isn't solely about helping clients find relief. It's also about affecting change that prevents catastrophic injuries from impacting future victims. That's one of the motivations driving the firm's committed civil rights practice, a natural progression that sprung from the attorneys' background in criminal law combined with a desire to see justice served and the legal system changed for the better.

"How do you force change? You do it with verdicts from a jury. Their voice speaks louder than any collective body," says Marino. "That's how you force change. That's how you create deterrence with a lawyer. And that's what we do."



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