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Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard reach No. 1 in 2024 JVR Settlements Report

If you recently saw the entire Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard team at the Smith & Wollensky steakhouse in River North and wondered what they were up to ... just know they were celebrating.

The firm tops the 2024 Jury Verdict Reporter Settlements Report after a year where it reported 83 cases with a total of more than \$367 million.

“Very rewarding,” Patrick A. Salvi II says of the last 12 months. To Salvi II, his father, Patrick A. Salvi, and all the other attorneys at the firm, this year was just the culmination of the firm’s values.

“Our firm’s philosophy has been that we are going to try cases. We’re going to require that if there’s a settlement, it be an extraordinary settlement. Our opponents know that, not based on our words, but our actions,” Salvi II said. “We’ve had this philosophy for some time and that’s because of the depth of talent we have in our office — both the lawyers as well as our outstanding staff — we were able to generate such an amount of settlements over \$500,000 that allowed us to win this award.”

It’s not as if it’s a one-hit wonder. The goal now is to stay on top. That is the measure of the best firm. There are so many great firms that we compete with. They’re our friends, colleagues and competitors. It’s a real honor to be number one this year.”

There are 17 Salvi attorneys listed as achieving settlements for this year’s report. Salvi II highlights how the firm mixes up who works with whom on different types of cases. The firm recently reached its “high-water mark” of 22 attorneys with the hiring of some new associates.

“Whether it’s a case on the lower end of the settlement (report) or whether it’s eight figures, you’ll see different names and different sized settlements up and down,” he said. “That’s because

we all work with each other. We’re all pulling in the same direction. That’s going on every day. Even outside of work, we have great friendships. There’s a real bond that I think is special.”

Salvi highlights the success the firm has had with its law clerks and seeing them grow and stay with the firm after admittance to the bar. “When they’re brand-new lawyers, there’s a painful process in terms of learning, but we feel more comfortable training them from the start,” he said.

Salvi added: “We’re always on the lookout for really good talent. We might not technically have an opening, but if the opportunity presents itself — like in the case of David Rashid — we don’t like to let that lawyer go.”

Lance D. Northcutt, along with Salvi II, Aaron D. Boeder and Eirene N. Salvi, obtained a \$45 million settlement from the city of Chicago for a then minor who was a passenger in vehicle fleeing police. The car crashed into another car and the minor suffered severe brain injuries leading to him being unable to walk or speak. The Chicago Police Department officers violated a department general order that prohibits car pursuits when the offense is a traffic violation. It is the largest Illinois police pursuit settlement on record, according to Jury Verdict Reporter.

“Lance, Aaron and Eirene did the lion’s share of the case and did an outstanding job,” Salvi II said. “There were other legal issues we raised to keep out prejudicial evidence. We strategically used the Dead Man’s Act, won some favorable motions *in limine* and then ultimately settled the case literally as the jury was walking to begin jury selection.”

Salvi added: “That was another case where we had brought it to the brink of trial and settled for a top dollar amount.”

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