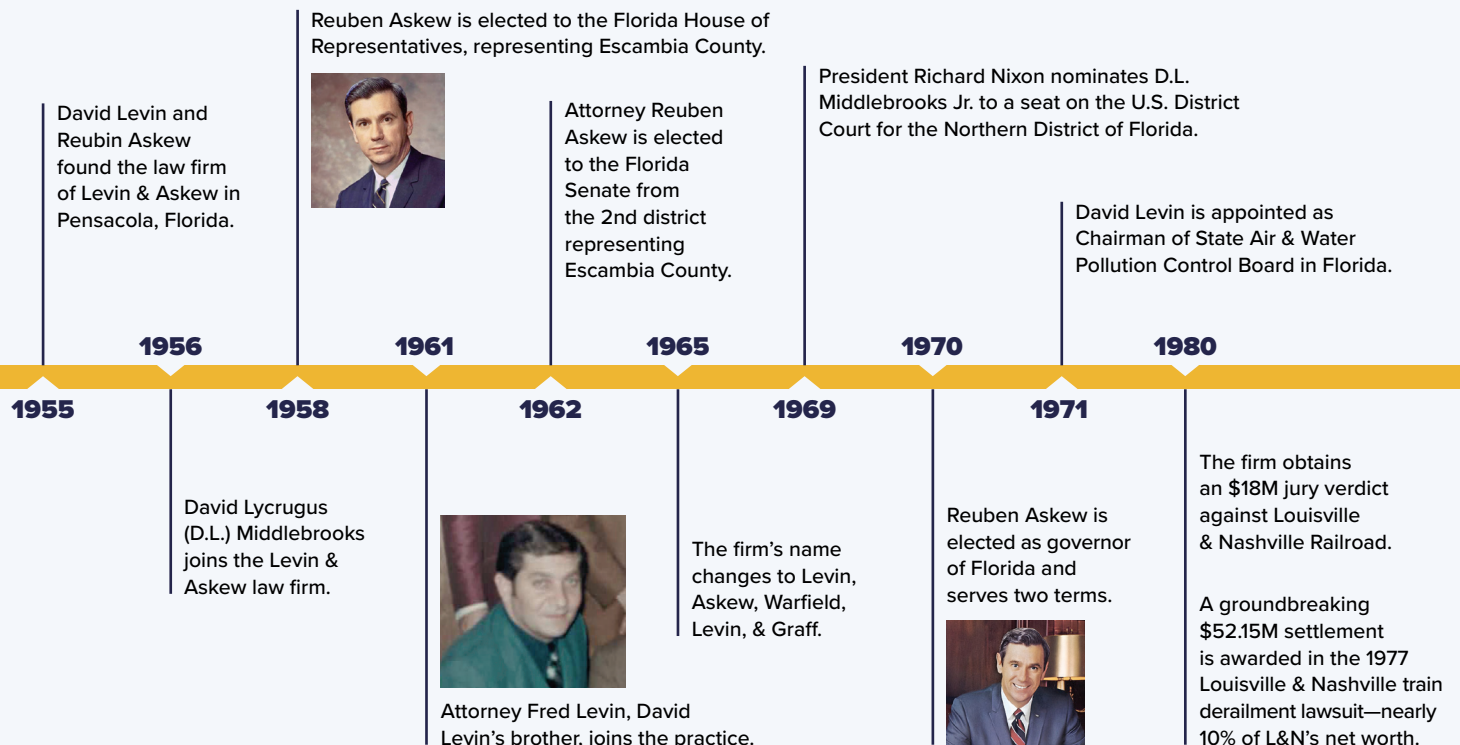


70 YEARS of “Doing Well by Doing **Good**”

by Mark Proctor, Chairman, Levin Papantonio



An account of a law firm’s history over the course of seven decades is, at heart, a story of growth and expansion. **So, let’s start with that.**



The Early Years

The firm began as a general practice firm, with David Levin specializing in family law. It expanded into personal injury when Fred Levin joined the firm in the 1960s after graduating from law school.

There is a funny story as to how Fred came to practice personal injury law. Initially, after joining the firm, Fred was handling divorce cases. In one particular case, he represented the wife in a hotly contested divorce, and the husband threatened to kill him if his client prevailed. Fred got scared, and that threat both ended Fred's divorce practice and triggered the firm's personal injury practice.

The firm grew with the addition of Dick Warfield, Leff Mabie, Jack Graff, and D.L. Middlebrooks. Middlebrooks was a very important addition in that he was a sitting U.S. Federal Judge, a very powerful and respected position. Getting D.L. was a feather in the law firm's cap and significantly added to the firm's growing prestige.

In the relatively early days, the firm began its political reach when Reuben Askew was elected to the State House in Florida and then to two terms as Governor in the '70s. Later, Askew served as United States Trade Ambassador in the administration of President Carter.

Fred, in particular, took a keen interest in politics, building local and state connections that would later prove invaluable—especially in the firm's landmark tobacco litigation.

In terms of the firm's practice, the general practice morphed into primarily a personal injury practice, with David Levin continuing to practice family law and Leo Thomas practicing criminal defense law.



The firm tried many cases to local juries and did well. The case that catapulted Fred—and the firm—into the spotlight was *Thorshav v. L&N Railroad*, tried in the late 1970s, which set a record for jury verdicts.

Mark Proctor joins the firm to practice environmental law.

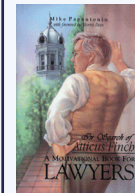
Mark Proctor co-hosts with Gary Silber on Cox Cable 6's Law Line.



Martin Levin joins the firm.
Virginia Buchanan joins the firm.

Fred Levin receives the Rocky Marciano National Boxing Manager of the year award.

Mike Papantonio's book *In Search of Atticus Finch—A Motivational Book for Lawyers* is published.



1981

1984



Mike Papantonio joins the firm.

1989

Martin Levin founds the Levin and Papantonio Family Foundation, named after Fred Levin and Martin Levin and Mike Papantonio.

1994

Martin Levin is appointed the managing shareholder of Levin Papantonio.

Fred Levin rewrites the Florida Medicaid Third Party Recovery Act. It permits the State of Florida to sue the Tobacco Industry to recover expenditures for treating smoking-caused illnesses. This leads to a \$13 billion dollar settlement for the State.

1995

Fred Levin receives the Perry Nichols award and endows a professorship at the University of West Florida.

1997

Mike Papantonio's book *Clarence Darrow, The Journeyman—Lessons for the Modern Lawyer* is published.

By 1980, Fred, the then clear leader of the firm, decided to expand the breadth of the firm to include real property law, tax law, and environmental law. A real estate department was created, and I was hired to practice environmental law, which I did exclusively for 10 years.

A couple of years after I arrived came Mike Papantonio. Mike came from the State Attorney's Office and had already cultivated the reputation as an excellent trial lawyer. Here, he began doing divorce work but quickly moved into personal injury law and then into mass torts.

By the early '90s, the firm decided that the expansion to other fields was a mistake and decided to concentrate on personal injury law going forward. Those lawyers, including me, moved into various aspects of personal injury litigation or left the firm.

Martin Levin joined the firm after law school in the late '80s and became the firm president for about a decade. During Martin's presidency, the birth of the firm's mass tort practice took place first with Mike—assisted by Larry Morris—trying asbestos cases all over the country and then mass torts.

This was around the time we learned it was not enough, in this modern media age, to be excellent lawyers in the courtroom. It had also become equally important to get "our clients' stories

out" in the media—to help fight their fight in the court of public opinion.

To accomplish this, the firm developed its own broadcasting system consisting of television and radio studios and staff. This is why and how "Ring of Fire" and "America's Lawyer" were born.

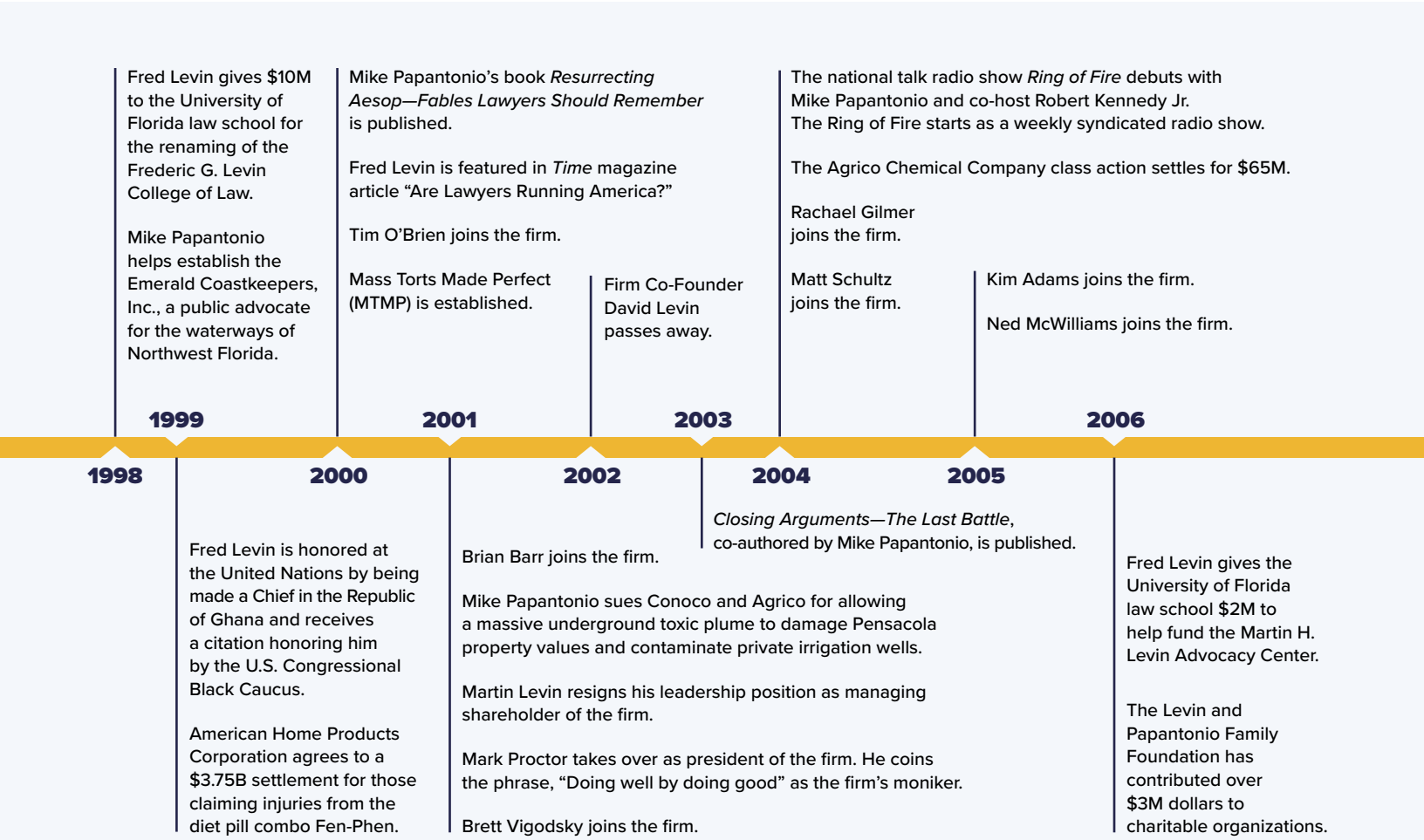
Martin left the practice of law to attend Harvard Divinity School in 2001. When I took over as President, the firm had 35 lawyers practicing traditional forms of personal injury law, as well as a divorce lawyer and a criminal defense lawyer.

It was at this time that I coined the phrase, "Doing well by doing good" as the moniker of the firm.

Taking the Mass Torts Plunge

The firm's mass torts practice began with breast implant litigation and later expanded into diet drug cases, culminating in the massive Fen-Phen settlement in 2001. This settlement put the firm on the map as an early leader in mass torts.

We made a commitment to transition the firm to a mass torts firm while preserving traditional forms of personal injury practice, such as motor vehicle injuries, workers compensation, medical malpractice, and nursing home litigation.



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Mike and I jumpstarted this transition by creating MTMP, a conference designed to unite the mass torts community and solidify our firm as a major force in the field. We structured the seminar format to feature as speakers not only our own attorneys but also our competitors. This was our way of getting the mass torts world to buy into MTMP, and looking back on the 25 years, it has worked.

Over the years, MTMP become the nation’s preeminent legal conference for plaintiff’s mass torts lawyers. It has become a significant part of our overall practice.

In 2024, I passed the presidency of the firm to Brian Barr, with me serving in the position of firm Chairman, assisting Brian and doing whatever I can do to help. By this time, the firm had grown into one of the top 5 mass torts firms in the country, leading MDLs and providing overall leadership in the field.

Today, most of our attorneys practice mass tort law, with only a handful still handling traditional personal injury cases. Mass torts now account for 85% of our firm’s efforts and annual revenue.

Notable cases and verdicts

Over the course of 70 years, our law firm has led the charge in a wide array of headline-making cases. A few of these cases truly stand out.

TOBACCO

No firm had ever been able to achieve verdicts for smokers against tobacco companies, because of the label warnings. We thought that if a case could be brought by a governmental entity, for the monies it spent on behalf of smokers with state funds, that would at least eliminate or soften the warnings defense. By the ‘90s, Fred was well ensconced in both local

Mike Papantonio kickstarts a web-based multimedia center, goleft.tv, featuring online news, American politics and culture.



His role on Ring of Fire is featured in the movie, “Jesus Camp” (nominated for the 2007 Academy Award for Documentary Feature).

Papantonio leads a trial team, including Brian Barr, that obtains a verdict of \$390M on behalf of residents around a Dupont smelter in the town of Spelter, West Virginia.

Cameron Stephenson joins the firm.

Mike Papantonio is awarded the Perry Nichols Award.

The Raytheon pollution lawsuit settles for a total of \$900,000.

Chris Paulos joins the firm.

Wes Bowden joins the firm.

Fred Levin, Mike Papantonio, and Mark Proctor are recognized by the National Trial Lawyers as members of the Round Table: America’s 100 Most Influential Lawyers.

Mike Papantonio serves as president of The National Trial Lawyers.

2008

2010

2013

2007

2009

2011

2012

For their efforts in the Spelter, West Virginia case, Mike Papantonio and Brian Barr are named finalists for the 2008 Public Justice Trial Lawyer of the Year.

The firm, along with the law firm of Kennedy & Madonna and the Morgan & Morgan firm, files a class action lawsuit against Raytheon on behalf of property owners living in the vicinity of the Raytheon facility in St. Petersburg, Florida. The complaint alleges the company contaminated the area’s groundwater.

Peter Mougey joins the firm.

Lawsuits are filed against BP for expected financial repercussions due to a massively destructive oil spill in 2010.

Brian Barr is chosen to lead Plaintiff Steering Committee. He also acts as class counsel for the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Class and the Medical Class, and he serves as trial counsel during Phase 2 of the Limitation and Liability Trial against BP.

BP agrees to an \$18.7B settlement.

Attorney Brandon Bogle joins the firm.

Fred Levin gives \$1M in memory of his recently deceased wife to the Lubavitch-Chabad Student and Community Center at the University of Florida.

Emmie Paulos joins the firm.

and state politics, so he enlisted the aid of friends and colleagues to get this done. In this regard, the firm drafted a proposed bill that would give the state the power to bring a claim against Big Tobacco for damages and allow us to prove many aspects of the case by using statistical data (a really big deal).

W.D. Childers, then President of the Florida Senate and good friend of both Fred and the firm, tucked the drafted language into a technical bill that quickly passed the legislature on the last day of the legislative session without most lawmakers having read it.



Governor Lawton Chiles, another longtime friend of Fred and the firm, signed it into law.

When the legislature realized what had happened, they screamed foul and called a legislative session to repeal the bill, which they did. However, Governor Chiles vetoed the override, and the law remained.

Fred and the firm put together the tobacco “dream team” to litigate the State’s case, and the case settled on the eve of trial.

The Florida settlement propelled the national tobacco settlement, which has been credited with saving more American lives annually than were lost in the Vietnam War.

Our firm started it all—and earned \$200 million in legal fees over 26 years.

CONOCOPHILLIPS

Pensacola was the site of massive groundwater contamination emanating from the Agrico Chemical Company operations (later acquired by ConocoPhillips). The firm filed a class action and settled on behalf of thousands of affected property owners for \$65 million in 2004. It was a big deal to help so many of our citizens here in Pensacola.



New York Times bestseller Josh Young publishes a biography of Fred Levin’s life: *And Give Up Showbiz? How Fred Levin Beat Big Tobacco, Became a Chief of Ghana, Earned Boxing Manager of the Year & Transformed American Law*.

The Stephen and Sandra Sheller Center for Social Justice of Temple University Beasley School of Law honors Mike Papantonio for his outstanding contributions to social justice.

Virginia Buchanan receives Florida Bar President’s Award for pro bono service.

Mike Papantonio’s TV show, “America’s Lawyer,” premieres.

Fred Levin gives \$1M to the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition. A new facility is named the Levin Center for IHMC Research.

The National Law Journal recognizes Levin Papantonio as one of America’s Elite Trial Law Firms.

Mike Papantonio’s legal thriller, *Law and Disorder*, is published.

The firm wins the Special Litigation (Environmental) category in the National Law Journal Elite Trial Lawyers recognition program, after Mike Papantonio led the firm’s C8 trial team to one of several successful trials against DuPont.

BP Oil settles for \$20.8B.

Peter Mougey and his wife Katrina launch the first annual Symphony Sparks & Stars Fourth of July celebration in Pensacola.

Chris Tisi is appointed to the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee in the national talc multidistrict litigation (IN RE: JOHNSON & JOHNSON TALCUM POWDER PRODUCTS MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES, AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION MDL No. 2738).

2015

2017

2014

Reubin O’D Askew is officially inducted into the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

Fred Levin is named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the National Trial Lawyers.

Fred Levin (along with his sister-in-law Teri) gives \$1M to the YMCA of Northwest Florida.

Peter Mougey launches the Palafox Downtown Beautification Project.

2016

Mike Papantonio is inducted into the National Trial Lawyers’ Hall of Fame. He is also awarded the Defender of Justice Award by the American Association for Justice.

Brian Barr and Andy Birchfield are appointed as Co-Lead Counsel in MDL-2592 Xarelto Products Liability Litigation. Barr serves as lead trial counsel in 3 bellwether trials in the MDL.

Jeff Gaddy & Justin Lusko join the firm.

Fred Levin donates \$550,000 to the University of West Florida to establish the Reubin O’D. Askew Institute for Multidisciplinary Studies.

Fred also gives \$2M to the Brigham & Women’s Hospital to establish the Fredric G. Levin Distinguished Chair in Thoracic Surgery and Lung Cancer Research.

Mike Papantonio and the firm’s C8 trial team help secure a \$920 million settlement against DuPont related to its West Virginia plant discharging the chemical PFOA (C8) into the air and water around the Ohio River Valley.

Mike Papantonio’s legal thriller, *Law and Vengeance*, is published.

BP OIL SPILL

Following the BP oil spill, our firm represented 2,300 businesses affected by the disaster while playing a key role in the national litigation. The case resulted in \$60 million in legal fees for the firm and substantial compensation for businesses devastated by the collapse of tourism along the Gulf Coast.

BP marked an interesting turn for the firm. Historically, as a plaintiff’s law firm, we almost never represent businesses, because we have sued them on behalf of injured individuals. One exception was my environmental practice, where I had worked with developers and companies on compliance issues.

With this in mind we knew that, although the BP oil spill occurred on our shores, it would be difficult to get clients because of our history. So, we reached out to the businesses and organizations I had previously represented over the years and built our client base from there. On only a couple of occasions did clients refuse to retain us for representation in BP because of past lawsuits against them.

Over the years, our firm has played a critical role in removing dangerous drugs and defective medical devices from the market, saving countless lives.

Major Awards

Across these seven decades, the firm has received countless awards and accolades both for legal prowess and results as well as pro bono work to help others at no charge.

Each year, the Florida Justice Association (FJA), which is the association of plaintiff trial lawyers in the State, gives out its most prestigious award for excellence in the courtroom. This is called the Perry Nichols Award.

Over the years, five of our partners have received the award, a feat unmatched by any other firm in the state. The recipients are Reuben Askew; Fred Levin; Leff Mabie; Mike Papantonio, and Troy Rafferty.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT AWARDS INCLUDE:

- The Inner Circle of Trial Advocates
- International Society of Barristers
- National Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame
- Inclusions in the Top Law firms in the United States

Fred Levin donates an \$8M home to the University of West Florida. The school names its government department the Reubin O’D. Askew Department of Government.

Tim O’Brien is appointed as Co-Lead Counsel for the Plaintiffs Steering Committee in IN RE DAVOL, INC./C.R. BARD, INC., POLYPROPYLENE HERNIA MESH PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION.

“The Devil We Know” investigative documentary film is released, exposing how DuPont dumped C8 into the air and waterways.

The City of Saint Martinville, Louisiana retains the firm to pursue all civil remedies against those in the chain of distribution of prescription opiates responsible for the opioid epidemic The firm serves as lead counsel.

Fred Levin passes away from COVID-19.

The firm secures a \$26B settlement in the landmark case against opioid manufacturers and distributors for their role in causing the opioid addiction epidemic throughout the U.S.

Virginia Buchanan is the first woman named in the title of the firm.

Through his estate, Fred Levin donates \$40M to the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Mike Papantonio’s legal thriller, *Inhuman Trafficking*, is published.

“Oxy Kingpins,” a documentary revealing the scandal of the opioid crisis and featuring Attorney Mike Papantonio, is released. Variety says it’s ‘The Wolf of Wall Street’ meets ‘The Insider.’

Peter Mougey launches Heart of Pensacola, a community effort focused on nutritional insecurity.

2019

2018

2021

Troy Bouk joins the firm.

Alex Taylor joins the firm.

The firm has joined suing the nation of Iran on behalf of 34 families who suffered death or injury at the hands of terrorists.

Fred Levin gives the University of Florida Levin College of Law 300,000 shares of Charlotte’s Web Holdings, LLC stock to (valued at \$6M).

Fred Levin donates \$2 million to Dana–Farber Cancer Institute to establish the Fredric G. Levin Endowment in Translational Cancer Research.

Mike Papantonio’s legal thriller *Law and Addiction* is published.

Brian Barr helps to negotiate a \$750 million settlement on behalf of more than 20,000 claims pending in both the Xarelto MDL and in Pennsylvania and California state court. He served as co-lead counsel in the MDL and as lead trial counsel in 3 bellwether trials.

Brian Barr is appointed as Co-Liaison Counsel in the 3M Combat Arms Earplugs MDL. At the time, this is the largest MDL in history with over 240,000 pending claims.

Wes Bowden is appointed to the PEC in IN RE: AQUEOUS FILM-FORMING FOAMS PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION MDL.

The firm represents more than 600 government agencies against wholesale manufacturers of opioids.

Firm Leadership

Historically, the firm has been led by its President and Executive Committee. These positions changed annually until around 1991 when Martin Levin became Firm President. I took over as President in 2001 and passed the Presidency to Brian Barr in 2024.

In my opinion, there have been two major visionaries in the firm: Fred Levin on the single event side and Mike Papantonio in mass torts.

“If we were The Rolling Stones, Mike would be Mick Jagger, and I would be the band manager.”

Mike and I have been partners for 40 years. In that time, many people have asked how we interact to move the firm forward. I have always answered, “If we were The Rolling Stones, Mike would be Mick Jagger, and I would be the band manager.”

Now, the leadership of the firm has younger faces, which I think is important not only to better relate to lawyers today but more importantly, to position us for continued leadership in the future. Our young leaders will also help transform the firm by employing technology to refine and streamline our processes.

Mike and I feel like our current firm has now been built by transforming a traditional personal injury firm into a mass tort law firm while still preserving traditional forms of personal injury law.

Now our younger partners will refine the firm and its processes and procedures to make us more efficient and better able to take on more and more cases and projects to advance the interests of our clients like never before.

Tim O'Brien is appointed to the Plaintiffs Executive Committee and as the Discovery Chair in MDL No. 2973, IN RE ELMIRON (PENTOSAN POLYSULFATE SODIUM) PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION.

The first lawsuit over hearing loss from 3M earplugs results in a \$7.1M jury verdict for three military veterans. Attorney Brian Barr served as trial counsel in the bellwether trial.

Judge Rosentengel appoints Sarah Shoemaker Doles as Co-Lead and MDL Plaintiffs' Liaison in In Re: PARAQUAT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION, MDL 3004, including Attorney.

Plaintiffs' Executive Committee unanimously endorses a \$26B global opioid settlement in the federal opioid litigation. The PEC, which includes Attorney Peter Mougey, negotiated terms with opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson and the “Big Three” drug distributors AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson on behalf of over 3,000 communities.

Kim Adams, together with other law firms and the National Center on Sexual Exploitation, files a class action complaint against MindGeek, et al., on behalf of victims and survivors of childhood sex trafficking.

Brian Barr is appointed to the PEC for IN RE: HAIR RELAXER MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES, AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION, MDL No. 3060.

Chelsie Green is appointed to the Plaintiffs' Leadership Development Committee for IN RE: HAIR RELAXER MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES, AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION, MDL No. 3060.

San Francisco secures a historic \$230M from Walgreens for its role in the city's opioid epidemic.

Rachael Gilmer files a wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of the estate of Jerome Sanders, who died of hypothermia at age 66 after allegedly being left in a transport van for eight hours on a day when the heat index was 101 degrees. Defendants in the lawsuit include Florida Mentor II, LLC, which does business as Pensacola Developmental Center (PDC), and Pyramid Inc.

Walgreens, CVS, Walmart, Teva, and Allergan agree to pay over \$18.5B to state and local governments aiming to resolve lawsuits concerning the opioid epidemic.

The firm announces a \$12.5B settlement with 3M Co. over the contamination of drinking water systems with harmful PFAS, as part of the AFFF Products Liability Litigation MDL.

2022

Congress passes the Camp Lejeune Justice Act (part of the PACT Act), which launches one of the largest mass tort lawsuits in history, with over 546,500 claims for compensation.

Virginia Buchanan is appointed to the PSC in the Philips CPAP, Bi-Level PAP, and Mechanical Ventilator Products Litigation (MDL No. 3014).

The first annual Fred Levin Way Fest brings together members of the community with more than 60 non profit groups that provide services to families and families in need.

Final approval is given to a \$2.67B class action settlement against BCBS entities for antitrust violations. Virginia Buchanan served as Co-Chair of the Class Certification Committee. It is the first major anti-trust class action for the firm.

Court appoints as interim PSC Co-Lead Counsel Timothy O'Brien and Kelsey Stokes of Fleming, Nolen & Jez, LLP.

2023

A jury awards \$5.6M to Jack Massey, an underage minor in 2017, who sustained a traumatic spinal cord injury after being permitted to consume alcohol and was provided alcohol at a party. Rachael Gilmer, along with co-counsel Jamie Holland of Holland Law, represented Massey at trial.

CVS and Walgreens announce settlement of lawsuits over their roles in the opioid crisis to the tune of \$5B each. CBS News' Elaine Quijano speaks with Peter Mougey, who represented affected communities in these settlements.

Community Commitment and Involvement

While our firm has grown and morphed into the law firm we are today, we have steadfastly served as an active corporate member of our community, undertaking good works in support of our home and the people who live here.

The firm has always involved itself in our signature annual charitable events and pursuits, including:

- Peter Mougey's "Feed the Hungry" initiative
- Fred Levin Day of Giving
- Communities Caring at Christmas
- Martin Luther King Living the Dream Celebration

In addition, the firm has been and is involved in a host of other charities we support in different ways each year.

Our attorneys have historically served on the boards of many Pensacola charities and community-minded organizations, contributing on a consistent basis to the advancement of our community.



A nationwide opioid settlement agreement with Walgreens, CVS, Walmart, Teva, and Allergan totals more than \$18.5B to state and local governments to help communities address the opioid crisis. The total national settlement value approaches \$60B.

The firm announces a \$500M settlement with Walgreens, resolving claims that the pharmacy giant recklessly dispensed opioids, contributing to New Mexico's opioid crisis. Peter Mougey and Jeff Gaddy were co-leads of the trial team, along with Dan Alberstone and Mark Pifko of Baron & Budd PC, Anthony Majestro of Powell Majestro PLLC, and Luis Robles of Robles Rael Anaya.

Firm hosts the first annual Free Juneteenth UnityFest

Emmie Paulos is appointed to the PSC Membership for In Re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation in the Northern District of California.

The firm joins Benoit Law Firm, PLLC, in filing a lawsuit against Red Roof Inns and Red Roof Franchising, LLC, and other local hotel entities on behalf of a survivor of a severe form of sex trafficking.

Chris Tisi, Sarah Doles, Laura Dunning, & Page Poerschke join the firm.

Attorney Brian Barr is appointed to the PEC for Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water litigation.

Lead plaintiffs' counsel in the 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation (MDL No. 2885) secure a landmark \$6.01B settlement with 3M Company and subsidiary Aearo Technologies.

Kroger will pay \$1.28B in abatement and \$1.4B total to state and local governments across the country to help communities recover from the opioid crisis. Jeff Gaddy led the prosecution of the case against Kroger.

Caleb Cunningham, together with Tommy James of Tommy James Law, and Jeremy Knowles of Morris Haynes, file 6 lawsuits on behalf of children placed in residential treatment facilities in Alabama. The lawsuits are filed against Nancy Buckner, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Human Resources, and Eric Mackey, State Superintendent of the Alabama Department of Education, claiming flagrant violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Troy Rafferty and Camron Stephenson announce a \$425 million settlement with AstraZeneca over claims that its heartburn drugs, Nexium and Prilosec, caused chronic kidney injuries (MDL 2789).

Paris Hilton opens the fall MTMP conference, joined by Mike Papantonio, Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin, Oregon State Senate District 8; and Meg Appelgate, CEO of Unsilenced, to talk about abuse and neglect across the "troubled teen" industry.

The firm achieves a hernia mesh bellwether trial victory after a jury found in favor of Plaintiff Aaron Stinson. An Ohio jury awarded Stinson \$500,000. Stinson is represented by O'Brien, Kelsey L. Stokes of Fleming Nolen & Jez LLP, and Jeff Grand of Seeger Weiss LLP.

Kim Adams, Counsel of Record for Amici Curiae Counter Extremism Project (CEP) and Hany Farid, file Brief of Amici Curiae Counter Extremism Project (CEP) and Hany Farid in Support of Petitioners IN RE: REYNALDO GONZALEZ, ET AL. V. GOOGLE LLC. The brief states the argument that Google-generated recommendations are not "neutral tools" and should not be protected by "Section 230."

Brandon Bogle is appointed as Co-Lead Counsel for the Self-Funded Payer Track in the Insulin Pricing multidistrict litigation (MDL No. 3080).

Challenges

Any firm that has been in business for 70 years has faced and overcome challenges—and we are no different.

From reorganizing in the '80s by expanding into non-personal injury areas of law, and our course correction a decade later, to transforming the firm from a personal injury to a mass torts firm, to dealing with the retirement and deaths of significant firm partners and leaders over the years, to navigating the pandemic, and other matters, we have, most importantly, managed to stay together as a firm.

We have continued to grow as a firm by expanding our litigation reach throughout the nation, Canada, and now Europe, while continuing to stay active representing clients here at home.

Our attorneys and staff have developed the expertise and connections to advance our clients' interests through the media and political channels, and we have stayed strong in our support of charitable pursuits and community involvement.

**All of this is what I mean when I say,
“Doing well by doing good.”**

Brian Barr is named president of Levin Papantonio. Mark Proctor moves onto the role of Chairman of the law firm. Eighty-five percent of the firm's effort and annual income now comes from the practice of mass torts law.

Mike Papantonio's legal thriller, *Suspicious Activity*, is published.

The Ring of Fire YouTube channel hits 1 million subscribers.

The Florida Senate unanimously approves a \$20M allocation for victims of the Dozier School for Boys, a passion project for Mike Papantonio and Troy Rafferty.

Sara Papantonio is appointed to the Plaintiff's Steering Committee in the Suboxone MDL No. 3092.

Cameron Stephenson is appointed to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in IN RE: GLUGAGON-LIKE PEPTIDE-1 RECEPTOR AGONISTS (GLP-1 RAS) PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION (MDL 3094).

The Senate Committee on Finance publishes its report “Warehouses of Neglect: How Taxpayers Are Funding Systemic Abuse in Youth Residential Treatment Facilities. It references 2 lawsuits against RTFs in which Caleb Cunningham represents plaintiffs who have suffered at the hands of such facilities across the country.

Chris Paulos and the firm's Counterterrorism Department obtain a final judgment of \$984 million in a lawsuit against the Islamic Republic of Iran and several of its state-owned banks and military/intelligence agencies (ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER BROOK FISHBECK, et al., Plaintiffs, v. THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, et al., Defendants 18-cv-2248 (CRC). The judgment is in favor of 111 U.S. service members and Gold Star family clients with claims arising from 12 terrorist attacks in Iraq.

The firm, along with other member law firms of the PEC in the national prescription opiates addiction litigation, is awarded the American Association for Justice's Steven J. Sharp Public Service Award. Peter Mougey was a key figure in securing landmark settlements. The total national settlement value in the national prescription opiates litigation approaches \$60 billion.

A global resolution process is established for the third largest multidistrict litigation (MDL) in the U.S.—MDL 2846 IN RE: Davol, Inc./C.R. Bard, Inc., Polypropylene Hernia Mesh Products Liability Litigation. Tim O'Brien serves as Co-Lead Counsel for the federal MDL and served as Lead Trial Counsel for each of the three MDL bellwether trials that resulted in two plaintiffs' verdicts.

2025

2024

The firm is now led by Brian Barr as President, with Mark Proctor serving in the position of firm Chairman.

Virginia Buchanan again receives the Florida Bar President's Award for pro bono service.

The judge overseeing the federal MDL for necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) lawsuits has reappointed the Plaintiffs' Leadership Committee. Co-lead counsel includes Levin Papantonio Of Counsel Andrew Childers; Timothy J. Becker of Johnson Becker; Wendy Fleishman of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein; José M. Rojas of Levin Rojas Camassar & Reck; and Diandra S. Debrosse of DiCello Levitt.