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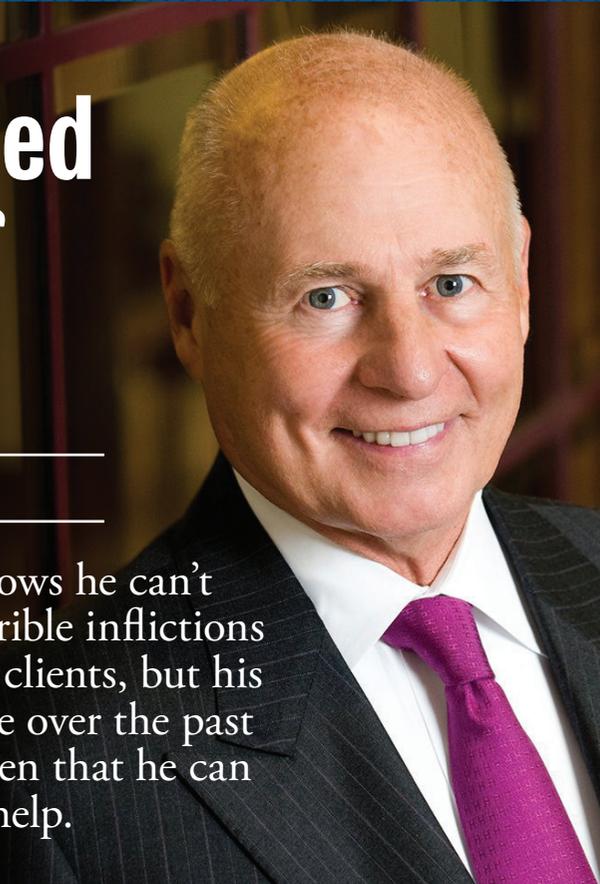
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# A Renowned Legacy of Justice

**Girardi Keese Lawyers**

**T**om Girardi knows he can't reverse the horrible inflictions suffered by his clients, but his quest for justice over the past five decades has proven that he can certainly do a lot to help.



**Dateline:**

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**Thomas V. Girardi was inducted into The Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame in Philadelphia, an honor awarded to just 39 lawyers in American history, including second U.S. President John Adams.**

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"I can't get a leg back or undo a heart attack, but the money goes a long way," says the founder of Girardi Keese, who's no stranger to complex, high-profile cases that garner national media attention.

Take the recent case of a baseball fan who was severely beaten and sustained brain damage after a game. By proving the stadium was at fault for insufficient security, Girardi won \$18 million for the victim, whose aging parents no longer have to bear the responsibility of his round-the-clock care.

"After that case, I got calls from five other firms who represent stadium owners across the country, wanting to know how they can take corrective measures so this doesn't happen again," says Girardi. "The work we do doesn't just benefit

the people we represent today but also people down the road."

## **Fighting for Morality**

Girardi Keese has exposed numerous corporations that have knowingly endangered the public for the sake of profit. One well-known pharmaceutical case, which involved anti-inflammatory medication that caused heart attacks, garnered a \$4.85 billion settlement. Another famed case, involving personal

injuries suffered by employees of a global IT company, earned a \$785 million verdict. Girardi was also the attorney behind the \$333 million toxic tort settlement that inspired the film "Erin Brockovich."

"There's good money to be earned as a plaintiff attorney, but the job only pays about a dollar an hour," Girardi jokes. "It requires an awful lot of time, and understanding people is massively important. Jurors are

smart. You have to emphasize your positives but also admit your weaknesses."

And although his victories are deeply gratifying, Girardi says it's not just the end result that matters: "We keep clients up to speed throughout the process—the good, the bad, and the ugly. They know we're in their corner, and that makes a huge difference in their experience."

Though he's earned near-celebrity status in the world of trial litigation, Girardi graciously credits much of his firm's success to the exceptionally talented support staff and highly specialized attorneys with whom he works. "Their dedication is unbelievable," he says. "The main reason our firm is so great is because I get to work with great people."



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