

Attorney Mike Gianantonio Embraces the Challenges of Medical Malpractice and Personal Injury Cases

Michael Gianantonio has been specializing in medical malpractice and personal injury cases at Robert Peirce & Associates since 2014. Mike knew he wanted to be a lawyer since he was a kid in middle school and had envisioned himself in the role of helping people and fighting the good fight. For the past six years, Mike has been doing that as he fights every day for plaintiffs who have suffered life altering injuries as a result of negligence. Maneuvering through the complexities of personal injury cases and medical malpractice claims are challenges that Mike does not take lightly, and his experience, along with his compassion and empathy for others are the attributes that set Mike apart as a leader in his field.

"Our firm functions as a family unit because the Peirces believe in a team-oriented style and treat everyone as if they were family and that approach extends to our clients as well," said Mike. Mike primarily handles personal injury cases that sometimes involve catastrophic accidents and going toe to toe with large health care insurance companies with abundant resources. "Preparing families to make tough decisions in the face of this adversity is challenging, and we have to be ready to fight tough at any given moment," he said. "Diving into the nuances of health care and medicine involved in these cases is really interesting. The laws stay the same, but these fields constantly present challenging new information to interpret so I can conceive the best solution for my clients."

Mike's cases require much time spent reading medical records and working with experts in the particular medical field the case involves. To continuously build his knowledge base, Mike diligently keeps up with medical journals and news and current nomenclature. "It's important for me to understand the science so I can help my clients to the best of my ability. For example, when reading medical records in a brain injury case, I've learned to look for red flags and things that will help me prove the case. When deposing a neurosurgeon, I need to anticipate the next thing he or she is going to say," said Mike. He stresses the importance of taking the time to do things right and not rush, even though this aspect of his job is quite labor intensive.

"Mike works tirelessly to make sure he is using the best strategy to help our clients win their case. That, along with his empathy towards each individual person's circumstance, makes him invaluable to our clients and our firm," said Managing Partner Rob Peirce.

Handling personal injury cases is another of Mike's areas of expertise. As these usually involve a catastrophic injury or death, often occurring at the worksite, it is important for the attorney to be knowledgeable not only about the law, but also about the industries in which these accidents may occur. These cases present emotional challenges, as well. "Working with families in these situations takes an emotional toll, as they are often at one of the lowest points in their life. Balancing between acting as a voice of reason and a source of empathy when everyone is dealing with raw emotion is crucial," he said. Mike has found that people faced with a family member's accidental death, or dealing with a life-altering injury, often just want answers. "I dive into every case ready to find these answers. I need to understand the big picture—go through every detail—so I do not miss any detail and am prepared for every twist or turn the situation takes," he said.

"In malpractice and personal injury cases, it is important to leave no stone unturned. We know that Mike is dedicated to taking the time to research the intricacies of each case. It is his ability to immerse himself into the specific details that sets him apart," said Founder Bob Peirce.

Mike is also an adjunct professor at the Duquesne University School of Law. He also serves as a Mock Trial Team coach at Duquesne, leading the team to first place wins at several national competitions. Mike takes this passion a step further and writes fact patterns for the American Association for Justice mock trial competitions. He is an elected member of Allegheny County Academy of Trial Lawyers and a member of the American Association for Justice, Pennsylvania Association for Justice, and Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association. Mike grew up in Rochester, PA, and now lives in Robinson Township with his wife, Krista, and nine-year-old son, Chase.