## PHILADELPHIA LEADERS IN LAW

## **Fighting the Good Fight**

**Laffey, Bucci & Kent LLP** has become a national name by earning justice for injured workers and crime victims.



he attorneys of Laffey, Bucci & Kent LLP (LBK) have made it their mission to fight for the underdog against powerful individuals and corporations. They are known across the nation for passionately pursuing every avenue of justice for victims of workplace accidents and crimes, specifically those who have survived sexual abuse or assault.

"Our clients are often in extremely vulnerable positions. Our goal is to help them move forward with their lives," says Paul Bucci, cofounder of the firm alongside Jeffrey Laffey and Brian Kent.

"The courtroom is the only place where someone, regardless of their race or socioeconomic background, can be on equal footing with a billion-dollar corporation," says Kent. "When you're trying to prevent and expose atrocities, the law is a powerful tool."

## Excellence With Empathy

Prior to founding LBK in 2009, Laffey, Bucci, and Kent cut their teeth under some of the nation's most successful attorneys. However, what makes the trio unique is their personal experiences and upbringing that has allowed for a strong and instant connection with their clients.

Laffey, the son of a union carpenter, shares the values and mindset of the working class and passionately supports pro-union causes. "I love being the blue-collar guy getting white-collar results for my clients," he says. Laffey has obtained numerous seven- and eightfigure results for clients,

including a \$15 million dollar recovery for a refinery worker who fell in excess of 15 feet due to an unsafe access ladder.

Similarly, Bucci also practices with blue-collar sensibility. Both of his grandfathers contributed to Pittsburgh's working class, and he brings a jack-of-all-trades approach to the primarily workplace-accident practice. As a lead attorney in the 2003 parking garage collapse at Tropicana

Atlantic City, he secured the largest construction accident settlement in U.S. history. "The magnitude of that case was profound, but it's no less profound for a family whose father or husband was in a single job-site accident," says Bucci. "We bring the same strength and compassion to any size of workplace case."

While Laffey and Bucci focus on the firm's workplace accident clients, Kent leads the crime victim department. As a survivor of clergy abuse, he brings an astute and empathetic determination to survivors' cases. He also collaborates with other like-minded former prosecutors and law enforcement to secure justice for victims of assault, abuse, and human trafficking.

"When a victim comes into our office, we always tell them first and foremost that we believe them," Kent says. "Then, we tell them we'll do anything humanly possible to hold perpetrators accountable and prevent more tragedies from happening."

Since LBK was built upon values of empathy, transparency, and a tenacious quest for justice, the firm's attorneys are regularly sought after for cases across the country. "We take a lot of pride in being able to substantially alter our clients' lives for the better," concludes Laffey.



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