

Howard Raphaelson and Andrew Levine

Giving a Voice to the Injured

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These attorneys give a voice to the injured. What is remarkable is that they do not advertise their business. Their clientele is built strictly by referrals. Howard Raphaelson was born in Texas. His mom Susan and dad Ralph moved to New York when Howard was three months old. He went to school in Long Island where he was an exemplary student. There was Guidance Counselor Mr. Abramowitz who

helped Howard to acquire a good penmanship and to guide him in his studies.

Howard loved social studies. He was intrigued by world cultures and he wanted to find out how governments work. In 1984 Howard was accepted at Lafayette University to read law. Professors Ilan Peleg and Bob Weaver had put together a course where students could travel to Israel to study government and cultures. Howard took advantage of that course and it made a positive impact on his life.

He graduated from college in 1988 and traveled for a bit in Europe. He was able to see the Berlin Wall days before it collapsed. On his return to New York Howard enrolled at Benjamin Cardozo Law School and he finished his studies there in 1991. Howard specialized in Personal Injury Law and in doing so he followed in the distinguished footsteps of his grandfather Jacob Fuchsberg, who was the first Personal Injury lawyer to win a million dollar reward in the United States.

Howard started out by helping other attorneys. Gradually his clientele expanded. He handled construction and labor accidents cases for workers at job sites and for people injured in their homes and businesses and also those working under dangerous conditions. Over the years Howard has seen the practice grow. He says that one

of the reasons for the success is that, "we have engraved ourselves in every town and city in New York because of the quality of our work. We have many clients in the South Ozone Park area in Queens. We don't advertise. We develop relations with our clients." One such client is Mr. Mohamed Ally who introduced the Guyanese community to Raphaelson and Levine.

Mr. Ally has a project in Guyana in which education is stressed and Raphaelson and Levine were only too pleased to be of assistance. The firm has contributed handsomely to the Lusignan Good Hope Learning Center and many people have received help. Mr. Ally says, "I will recommend Raphaelson and Levine to anyone. They are the best in the business." According to Howard, "we try to be good lawyers and good people at the same time. I see myself as a good husband and father." Howard thanks his wife Vicki for being a great mother and wife. He also thanks his father Ralph and mom Susan for their love and support and for instilling in him the importance of respecting others.

The other partner in the firm is Andrew Levine. He also brings a wealth of experience and dedication and commitment to the organization. Andrew was born in Canarsie in Brooklyn and his family moved to Dix Hills in Long Island when he was quite young. Andrew remembers his Guidance Counselor Robert Citrano who was instrumental in helping him to select the right college.

Andrew enrolled at the University of Maryland at College Park where he

studied government and politics and criminal justice. Andrew says, "I knew early that I wanted to be a lawyer. I wanted to help people and to empower them through the court system." Andrew met his wife Jamie while they were in college. She was studying Communications and she later earned a Master's Degree in Literacy from Fordham University and worked with children with special needs.

In 2001 Andrew went to Hofstra University to read for his Law Degree.

partners for more than seven years. What does Andrew admire about Howard? Andrew says, "Howard has tireless dedication to his clients and his family. I admire the way he practices his life. He has the ultimate in life. He can help people and he also recognizes the importance of family. I try to be like that."

Howard is equally full of admiration for Andrew. He says, "Andrew is an unusual person. He is able to see things and to conceptualize them in a unique way. He is a people's per-

a train accident Raphaelson and Levine represented the family and won over five million dollars in settlement.

Medical malpractice cases are also high on the agenda of the firm. A few years ago doctors failed to diagnose a woman's headaches. By the time she was properly evaluated it was too late. The damage to the optic nerve was irreversible. The case was resolved



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He graduated in 2004, specializing in litigation. Andrew says, "I want to be in the court room and to represent people and to advocate for their rights." When he was in Law School Andrew had represented people from Nepal and he helped some of them to gain political asylum in the United States.

When a family member introduced Andrew to Howard the basis of a professional relationship began. Andrew interned at Howard's firm in 2003 and they realized that they had a good fit. They have been

son. I respect him as a person. He is a great son, a loyal and loving husband and a true family person. I am lucky to have him as a partner."

It is no secret that the Raphaelson and Levine law firm has made a big difference in representing the injured. Over the years the firm has fought for hundreds of negligence victims who might otherwise have received no compensation. What is special about this firm is that the attorneys do care about the victims and their welfare. When a young father lost his life in

against the hospital and millions were paid to the victim, thanks to Raphaelson and Levine. These are only a few examples of the quality of work that the law firm renders to its clients. There is no doubt that this firm will continue to grow and to serve clients from all over the world.

Best wishes to Raphaelson and Levine for many more years of continued success.

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