

## April NEWSLETTER



30 years ago, Steve Levin, John Perconti, and Susan Novosad officially joined forces to create Levin & Perconti. In that time, we've become one of the major personal injury and medical malpractice firms in Chicago, serving clients in Illinois and around the country. Talented attorneys have built their careers here and have been able to lend their services to the community and make impactful differences in our clients' lives. The firm has expanded to 11 partners total, and confidently handles cases of nursing home abuse, medical malpractice, birth injuries, Jones Act matters, foster care abuse, and other catastrophic injuries. We proudly advocate for those aged one year old to 100 and have recovered over one billion dollars for clients.

Throughout our growth as a company, our founding tenets have remained the same, allowing us to help thousands of families and individuals who've suffered as a result of negligence or abuse. We are grateful to our clients, our industry colleagues, and our talented staff for their perseverance and trust over the years. We're looking forward to another 30 years!

"Steve and I merged practices in 1992 without certainty as to our future. We have grown from three lawyers to 32. The key to our success has come from hard work and a commitment to excellence. We have surrounded ourselves with lawyers and support staff who work tirelessly to achieve the best results for our clients. I am so proud of each and every member of our firm. Their unwavering loyalty and dedication has made what Levin & Perconti is today."

John Perconti



Thirty years ago, nursing home abuse and neglect cases weren't popularly sought after - Steve Levin was one of the first to determine that the Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 could be employed to achieve justice and compensation for injured

long-term care residents.



Over the years, we've been overjoyed to welcome multiple babies as LP attorneys started families! We're proud to support new parents and working mothers.



In true Chicago fashion, we welcome debate over Cubs vs. Sox



Seth Cardeli, two of the leading birth injury attorneys in the nation. They have litigated cases throughout the United States and are passionate advocates for the families they represent.





#### In the Media

#### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.



Founding partner Steve Levin spoke with The Wall Street Journal regarding the growing number of COVID-19 wrongful death lawsuits against long-term care facilities. Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, federal and state regulations required nursing homes to have effective infection control measures in place. Many facilities across the country were previously cited for infection control issues, and these deficiencies of understaffing and poor regulatory histories became exposed during the pandemic.

"It's going to be a knock-down-drag-out battle," said Steven M. Levin. "It's probably going to take years to get some of these cases to trial."

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### **New Nursing Home Guidelines**

On April 7th, Illinois passed a bill which will allocate an additional \$700 million to Medicaid-funded nursing facilities. The bill outlines a new payment and incentive system in which nursing homes will receive additional funding when they meet certain quality thresholds or demonstrate improvement in their care.

Facilities will be rewarded for meeting minimum staffing goals and CNAs will be paid more based on experience, changes which aim to address chronic understaffing in Illinois facilities. Nursing home owners will also have to report all those with ownership interests in the facilities, a move that stems from the growing number of private equity, for-profit nursing homes and their links to poor quality care.

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### **Face Behind the Case**

### **Meet Paige Franzen**

If you've had a case with us in any capacity, there's a good chance you've spoken to Paige Franzen. Paige is an integral part of our case intake process, and spends her very busy days providing updates to clients, communicating with other firms and attorneys, and organizing our beginning-stage cases. Her high-energy, can-do attitude is well known throughout the office, as is her photographic memory. Paige works closely with partners and our case acquisition team on a daily basis, and is an invaluable member of the Levin & Perconti team. Thanks Paige for all you do!



them through some of the toughest times of their lives. Being surrounded by a team that is dedicated to delivering justice to those who have been mistreated gives me the motivation each day to advocate for our clients and help them get the justice Paige Franzen

When I began my career I knew that I wanted to find a way to help people. Through my position at Levin & Perconti, I have

## **Upcoming Event**

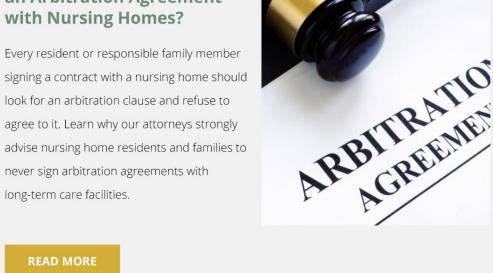
#### **AAJ Elder Abuse College** Partners Steve Levin and Michael Bonamarte will be speaking at the

annual AAJ Elder Abuse Case College: Strategies for Record Breaking Results on May 11-13. This 3-day program will cover multiple aspects of elder abuse cases and provide workshops for attendees.

Blog

Why Should I Decline to Sign an Arbitration Agreement with Nursing Homes?

signing a contract with a nursing home should look for an arbitration clause and refuse to agree to it. Learn why our attorneys strongly advise nursing home residents and families to never sign arbitration agreements with long-term care facilities.



### Jaime Koziol Delaney was a true asset during our personal injury claim. She was

**Client Testimonial** 

professional, knowledgeable, and made me feel like our family was first priority. I'm so grateful we were able to work with her and would recommend her to all of my colleagues, friends, and family. J.A., client



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