



Adam Malone continues the legacy of improving lives he and his late father, Tommy Malone, achieved together.

By Alicia Lu

ALONE LAW'S pursuit of justice began more than 50 years ago when legendary litigator, the late Tommy Malone, opened the firm in small town Albany, Georgia in 1965, at a historic time of national change and progress. Adam Malone, Tommy's son and law partner for more than 17 years, continues the tradition of excellence he and his father established by obtaining justice for the victims of catastrophic injury and wrongful death, and continues to bring about positive change for citizens throughout Georgia.

While Adam's main objective is to improve the lives of his clients, he hopes by focusing the substantial resources of the entire firm on only a few select cases at a time, he can also effect systemic change to help avoid future disasters involving the same preventable errors. "[We] hope that our efforts and results transcend any one case by bringing about positive changes for our entire community," Adam Malone says.

This desire for positive, wide-reaching change was instilled in Adam as he watched his father accomplish the same during his illustrious 50-year career. Adam was inspired as his father secured unprecedented verdicts that served as the catalyst for legislative change, including a verdict of \$45 million against an HMO involving the unnecessary amputation of both arms and both legs of a 6-month-old baby. This verdict brought about significant

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changes which made managed healthcare safer for all.

Adam leads the charge for Malone Law's pursuit of justice and has himself obtained a \$24.5 million record verdict in his hometown of Albany against a local hospital for the needless amputation of a 14-year-old football player's leg. Adam's efforts not only help his individual clients, but also target positive change for the citizens of Georgia. One of his proudest accomplishments is securing a verdict that led the Georgia Supreme Court to declare arbitrary legislative caps on quality of life damages unconstitutional in medical malpractice cases. This unanimous Supreme Court ruling ensures the right to a trial by jury and a full verdict for those negligently injured by the carelessness of others.

Over the course of the firm's history, Malone Law has received numerous accolades and honors for its hard work. Since 2010 Adam has been an annual fixture in The Best Lawyers in America®, in the areas of Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs and Medical Malpractice Law-Plaintiffs. In 2016, Best Lawyers named him Atlanta's "Lawyer of the Year" in Medical Malpractice Law. He has also been named one of the top 10 Super Lawyers in Georgia for three years in a row.

Like his father before him, Adam holds the highest rating by Martindale-Hubbell as AV Preeminent in legal ability and ethics and is among a small number of lawyers who have been board-certified by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys (ABPLA) in the field of medical negligence.

Malone Law is also dedicated to many philanthropic statewide and community endeavors, helping to raise awareness for injury prevention and to improve the lives of residents in Georgia and beyond. B

TO ACHIEVE ITS MISSION of "making a meaningful difference," Malone Law ensures each case receives the full attention, experience and resources of the entire firm, especially its lead counsel, Adam Malone.

Drawing upon more than 50 years of litigation history Malone Law seeks justice for clients suffering from catastrophic injury or family members who have lost a loved one to wrongful death. Not only has Malone Law made history by securing record-setting verdicts of \$49 million, \$45 million, and \$24.5 million for catastrophically injured families, but the firm is also shaping the future by helping overturn unconstitutional legislation. "Our ultimate mission is to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we represent," says Malone, "with a hope that our efforts transcend any one case by bringing about positive changes for our entire community."

"Malone Law focuses on a few cases at a time," explains Malone. "Each client receives highly individualized attention, which provides hope for the greatest possible outcome." This principle of limiting cases and prioritizing the client is one of the many characteristics that sets Malone Law apart from other firms.

Malone assures each client from the beginning that he and his entire team will work tirelessly to prepare their case for trial, and if the case resolves prior to trial, it will be because the client determines a proposed settlement makes a meaningful difference in their life.

Client dedication aside, the firm's many accomplishments speak for themselves. Malone successfully obtained a verdict on behalf of Betty and Bruce Nestlehutt, which resulted in a Georgia Supreme Court decision declaring a law unconstitutional that placed an arbitrary cap on value of life damages in medical malpractice cases. The legislative reversal allows for a jury of peers, rather than politicians, to decide the value of an injured person's losses in a medical negligence case. Malone says: "Proving the unconstitutionality of this legislative cap has been one of the most rewarding and impactful achievements of my career since it not only helped my clients—it helped all people."

But this was not the first time Malone Law made history. The firm's mission to make a real difference began with Malone's father, Tommy Malone, whose verdict for the unnecessary quadruple amputations of a 6-month-old child resulted in the enactment of legislation that changed the way managed care companies did business in the state.

It is no surprise, then, that Malone, like his father before him, has received the highest legal accolades from his colleagues. Malone is included annually in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2010 in the practice areas of Personal Injury Litigation—Plaintiffs and Medical Malpractice Law—Plaintiffs. In 2016, Best Lawyers named him Atlanta's "Lawyer of the Year" in Medical Malpractice Law. Malone has been chosen by his peers as one of the top 10 SuperLawyers in Georgia for the past three years, while his father, Tommy, was honored twice with a Lifetime Achievement Award. These honors, among many others, are well earned for a firm that strives daily to uphold its signature tradition of excellence.



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Adam Malone continues the legacy he and his father, Tommy Malone, built together of improving lives at their eponymous Georgia law firm.

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