

## June 25, 2010 Chicago's Best Personal Injury Lawyer

It was announced by Best Lawyers in America that Joe Power was voted by his peers to be the "best personal injury lawyer for 2010." In addition, Joe, as well as Todd Smith and Larry Rogers were also elected to be included among Chicago's Best Lawyers for 2010. Power, Rogers and Smith are also listed in the Harvard graduates' publication "Best Lawyers in America."

Included among their many multimillion dollar verdicts and settlements are the largest personal injury settlement in Illinois for a single family of \$100 million as well as the largest personal injury verdict of over \$55 million dollars for a brain damaged lady.



# 2010 LAWYERS OF THE YEAR

BEST LAWYERS HAS NAMED INDIVIDUALS AS LAWYERS OF THE YEAR IN THE CHICAGO AREA, BASED ON THEIR PARTICULARLY HIGH LEVEL OF PEER RECOGNITION.

## Joseph A. Power, Jr.

*Power Rogers & Smith*

PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION

Growing up in the South Side of Chicago, Joseph A. Power, Jr., learned about the law from his father, a judge. Today, Power is a leading Chicago personal injury and wrongful death attorney.

After earning his JD from Loyola University in 1977, Power became the nation's youngest injury attorney to win a million-dollar verdict on behalf of an injured client when he was just 28.

Power's work in *Rev. D.W. v. Transamerica Leasing* not only led him to secure the largest single-family, personal injury settlement in Illinois of \$100 million, but also led to the indictment of former Illinois Governor George Ryan.



Power attributes his success to his natural compassion.

"I can deeply empathize with clients," Power says. "As a result, I try to leave no stone unturned in investigating and pursuing a case on behalf of my clients."

This compassion has earned Power a tough reputation from his adversaries. He was once referred to as "Darth Vader to the insurance companies" during a trial.

Power served in leadership roles with the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. A member of the Inner Circle of Advocates, Power was named Citizen of the Year by the City Club of Chicago. The Illinois Bar Foundation also presented him with the Distinguished Award for Excellence.

Power is happy about the progress and growth of his firm.

"The results by our firm speak for themselves. We're always in the top three in terms of verdicts and settlements in the state amongst all of the prominent personal injury law firms," he says. "That's quite an accomplishment when you consider that you know most of the other prominent law firms have more than twice the lawyers we have."

"I hope at the end of the day that my kids do the right thing and lead happy lives, and that I leave the world a little better place than when I entered it," Power says.

—Ashley Cisneros

PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR:  
JOSEPH A. POWER, JR.



Standing From Left: Thomas M. Power, Sean M. Houlihan, Carolyn Daley Scott, Brian LaCien, Devon C. Bruce, Larry R. Rogers, Jr., Joseph W. Balesteri. Seated From Left: Thomas G. Siracusa, Joseph A. Power, Jr., Larry R. Rogers, Sr., Todd A. Smith

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INCLUSION IN  
THE BEST LAWYERS  
IN AMERICA  
JOSEPH A. POWER, JR.  
LARRY R. ROGERS, SR.  
TODD A. SMITH

Janine Lipkin

## POWER ROGERS & SMITH PC

**P**ower Rogers & Smith has a long history of achieving record-setting verdicts and settlements in medical malpractice, wrongful death and personal injury cases. In the last three years, the firm has secured over \$300 million in settlements and verdicts for its clients. In 25 years of practice, the firm's lawyers have handled cases involving construction, trucking and motor vehicle accidents, aviation and train accidents, brain injuries, medical malpractice, birth injuries, drug and product liability cases.

The firm's 11 lawyers do not shy away from the most difficult cases and are comfortable in the spotlight, having managed many high profile cases receiving local and national media attention. Among their many honors and awards Joseph A. Power, Jr., Larry R. Rogers, Sr. and Todd A. Smith were selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and Power was also selected as the top personal injury and consumer lawyer in *Best Lawyers* for 2010. Power and Smith were both invited to join the Inner Circle of Advocates, whose membership is limited to the 100 best trial lawyers in the United States. Rogers was named one of the top 10 litigators in the nation by *The National Law Journal*.

The firm's commitment to representing clients facing serious and even catastrophic injuries is matched by a dedication to serving the legal profession as well. The firm's partners have served in leadership roles for both local and national professional organizations such as the Illinois Trial

Lawyers Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Power Rogers & Smith's successes are noteworthy not only for the record-setting compensation obtained for clients in jury verdicts and settlements but also for the breadth of legal issues and injuries. The firm's notable verdicts and settlements include:

- \$100 million settlement for a trucking case involving the deaths of six children
- \$55.4 million jury verdict in a medical malpractice brain injury case
- \$40 million settlement in trucking case
- \$27 million jury verdict in product liability case
- \$20 million settlement for a 19-year old surgery patient suffering an air embolism and brain injury
- \$18.5 million jury verdict for failure to diagnose a medical problem
- \$18 million settlement in birth injury case
- \$17 million jury verdict in an accounting malpractice case
- \$11.5 million settlement in aviation-related case
- \$10.6 million settlement of psychiatric malpractice case
- \$7.5 million jury verdict in case involving lack of informed consent
- \$7 million jury verdict in a defamation case

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