

# TRAILBLAZERS

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### What was the genesis of the idea/path that has made you a trailblazer?

Lewis & Llewellyn is known as one of California's leading business litigation boutiques. Motivated by personal connections with sexual abuse survivors, the firm has applied its aggressive business litigation advocacy to a cause we feel passionately about: representing survivors of sexual assault and sexual abuse in civil lawsuits throughout the U.S. against the perpetrators of the abuse and those institutions that enable it. Most of the firm's attorneys have experience at international law firms and with bet-the-company commercial litigation. As a result, the firm approaches these cases with unique strategies that differ from traditional personal injury firms. By deploying such tactics, the firm has recovered tens of millions of dollars on behalf of its clients and has also obtained significant non-monetary concessions to help drive change and reform.

### What sort of change has resulted from the concept?

The firm's clients consistently report that these lawsuits have literally been life changing, allowing them to change their story from that of a victim to an empowered survivor. The firm has also driven institutional change and raised awareness to help end the epidemic of sexual abuse in our society.

### What bearing will this have on the future?

On the heels of the #MeToo movement, there is a tidal wave of reform in favor of greatly expanding, and in some cases eliminating, the statutes of limitation for abuse survivors. By fighting tirelessly on behalf of survivors, and strategically bringing lawsuits that shine a spotlight on the individuals and entities that condone, cover up, or turn a blind eye to sexual abuse, we will continue to effect real change in the lives of those impacted by abuse, as well as society as a whole—helping survivors obtain the compensation, justice and empowerment they deserve.