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THE LAW OFFICE OF A.J. MITCHELL, P.L.C. *Shifting the Paradigm of the Personal Injury Attorney*

By Lynette Carrington

n a market saturated with lawyers, finding a well-intentioned attorney who strives to make a positive difference is like finding a diamond in the rough. Personal Injury Attorney, A.J. Mitchell, who was nominated and accepted into the National Top 40, Under 40 Attorneys, and has secured results for his clients in excess of seven figures, holds these values at the core of his business.

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When it comes time to hire an attorney, you want an attorney who has a proven track record of winning for his clients and understands first-hand what you're going through. A.J. Mitchell assists his clients in navigating the often complex legal waters that exist in virtually any claim and ensures that his clients have everything they need when seeking a resolution or preparing for trial.

Mitchell graduated with high honors from the University of Florida in 1998 with a degree in finance. He went directly on to law school at California Western School of Law, where he received a scholarship and earned a position on the trial team. Mitchell began practicing personal injury law after losing his own sister to a trucking accident some years ago. With an in-depth understanding of the emotional and logistical challenges that occur with injury clients, shortly after his own family tragedy, he opened his own practice focusing primarily on personal injury law. "I like to make a difference in people's lives," said Mitchell.

Realizing that the typical person doesn't possess the skill set to know all the ins and outs of the legal system after an injury, Mitchell embraces the chance to apply his expertise, work as an advocate, and protect his clients from pitfalls that can often occur during such a delicate time. In many cases, battling a large insurance company is a daunting task. "It's a David versus Goliath battle *every* time," explained Mitchell. "After a client has been injured and before a client hires an attorney, the insurance company attempts to get a statement immediately. Usually, the quicker the insurance company gets a statement, the better it is for the carrier, because injuries often take some time to fully manifest."

He often sees insurance companies take those original statements and twist them around in court. Mitchell has the knowledge and facts to rebut the contentions that insurance companies try to make. Mitchell also knows that insurance companies try to get a release signed by the injured party as soon as possible. He believes that this is likely an endeavor to avoid paying for future therapy, which is often needed; that is, once someone has signed off on an injury claim, it can never be re-opened. Having an experienced attorney working on a client's behalf can make all the difference in the world.

"The reason for practicing personal injury law is that I want to play a role in shifting the paradigm of the personal injury attorney from the unscrupulous, 'ambulance-chasing' attorney, to the honorable personal injury attorney that enhances the lives of the clients I serve," finished Mitchell.

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