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or the success he has already enjoyed, it is hard to believe that Patrick A. Salvi has been practicing law for only a little more than four years. He joined Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard in 2007, and concentrates his practice on cases involving personal injury, medical malpractice, product liability and commercial litigation. During his first trial as lead attorney, Salvi secured a \$1.28 million jury verdict for a teenage client who sustained a broken leg and knee cap. He has also obtained a \$29.1 million verdict in a medical malpractice case brought in federal court and a \$33.2 million jury verdict in a Lake County injury case. In that case, Salvi, along with his father, was trial counsel for a young man who suffered catastrophic injuries in an automobile collision resulting in the client being left as a quadriplegic. The trial resulted in the highest verdict ever achieved in Lake County, Illinois.

One judge, who nominated Salvi, appreciated the level of professionalism Salvi displays, particularly as a young a lawyer. "Patrick routinely appears before me on complex and hotly contested legal motions. Nearly all of these motions relate to extremely serious cases. I have found him to always be prepared in his oral arguments and have been delighted that his briefs and motions are thoughtful, well researched and artfully argued. It isn't often that a younger attorney can rise to the task of the intense pressure of the high profile and complex litigation to which Patrick is assigned," said the judge. "In my 22 years on the bench I have never seen a younger attorney step so effortlessly into the field of battle as has Patrick."

Salvi received his B.A. from the University of Colorado in 2004 and earned his J.D. cum laude from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 2007. While in law school he received the award from the International Academy of Trial Lawyers for excellence in trial advocacy.

No one sees the strengths and weaknesses of another like an adversary. Or, as attorney Jon Yambert put it, "...seeing your opposition handle evidence depositions and trial witnesses (in high exposure cases) gives you a true measurement of that person's legal capabilities and ethics." Yambert has been on the other side of two of Salvi's very significant trials, and it appears that his capabilities and ethics are more than up to par. "Mr. Salvi's capabilities are extraordinary, says Yambert of Chilton Yambert & Porter. "He knows his evidentiary objections and his evidentiary foundations. I have found over the years that most do not. His trial briefs and motions are well reasoned and solid. He has a tremendous presence in front of the jury that is difficult to articulate. I have been taking cases to a jury for 30 years. A good presence in front of the jury is either something that you have or you do not. It cannot be taught. When you have that presence together with the legal knowledge that Mr. Salvi has, you have a very formidable opponent indeed."

Salvi is a member of the Lake County Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association where he is a member of the Standing Committee on Judicial Evaluations. Salvi is involved with and a member of the American Association for Justice as well as the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, where he serves on the Board of Advocates and co-chairs the seminar planning committee. He has judged ABA and AAJ trial competitions for the past four years, and this year was a judge in the ABA Moot Court competition. In addition, he has also been a speaker at the MBA business law class at Kellogg's School of Management and for the class "Personal Injury Litigation" at Notre Dame Law School.

Salvi was formerly the chairman and currently sits on the Board of Advisors for St. Agnes of Bohemia Elementary School in the southwest side of Chicago.