



## Looking for the Right Lawyer?

# Passion and Compassion: The common theme at the Law Offices of SALVI, SCHOSTOK & PRITCHARD P.C.

Recognized as one of the top personal injury and medical malpractice law firms in Illinois, each attorney has a genuine desire to serve fully as client advocates—giving victims a fair shot at what they are absolutely entitled to. Partners Tara Devine and Jennifer Ashley demonstrate this passionate drive to help others during what can often be the most difficult time of their lives.

### Tara Devine

“Are you a Game of Thrones fan?! I need to know!”

Tara Devine’s interest in keeping up with and discussing the latest trending shows, pop culture, and world news is just a small part of her magnetic personality and down-to-earth nature. It’s impossible not to feel comfortable in her presence and her genuine desire to connect with and learn about others creates immediate ease in conversation. The comfort level Tara offers has proven to be key in the development of relationships with clients and ability to earn trust in trying and vulnerable times. This element of her career is one she loves most.

“This job is very rewarding. I can’t even tell you how great it feels to build relationships with my clients. To be able to help others who have gone through tragedy and come out the other end fighting is inspirational to me. And I’m honored every day to do what I do.”

Starting with her days at Libertyville High School and later at the University of Illinois, Tara was drawn to activities and topics that were ultimately foreshadowing her career path. Speech and debate classes, litigation, and political science prepared her for law school at Marquette University where she participated in a highly successful Moot Court Program.

“I have always loved the action inside of a courtroom and knew I wanted to be a part of that.”

Untraditional in the law field, Tara feels fortunate to be working her way through the ranks at the same law firm and with the same core group of attorneys that she started her career with 12 years ago. Driven to position herself as an irreplaceable element to the firm’s success, Tara became the first female partner in 2012. Tara recently achieved a record setting jury verdict of \$1.6 million for a family in Stephenson County.

Tara wants potential clients to know that just because it’s litigation, doesn’t mean it has to be intimidating or adversarial.

“Every day I get to help victims and be an advocate for those who might not otherwise get a fair shake in the courtroom. I love it. I am able to offer empathy, sympathy, and compassion. And I am very proud of that.”

You can contact Tara directly at 847-249-1227.



Tara Devine and Jennifer Ashley

### Jennifer Ashley

“I love learning new things and am constantly on the hunt for more information and more ways to learn. And I love using this knowledge to help people.”

Jennifer’s humanitarian spirit is proven not only in her day-to-day approach with clients at Salvi, Schostok, & Pritchard, but also in her volunteer work at Prairie State Legal Services where she helps those who cannot afford legal fees.

“Pro bono work is new for me and it has been incredibly rewarding. I love knowing the impact I’m making on people as they navigate a difficult issue.”

Since her childhood, Jennifer knew that she wanted to be a lawyer, judge, or senator. She majored in Psychology at Western Illinois University and decided from there to go to law school at Chicago-Kent College of Law. She spent 12 years as a defense attorney, trying well over 100 cases before making the change to plaintiff’s personal injury law in 2012. Her cases now include auto accidents, premises liability, wrongful death, and products liability.

“I use what I learned as a defense attorney to now advocate on the plaintiff side. I love giving my clients the reassurance that everything will be taken care of for them. Their situations are overwhelming and very difficult. And I get very close with my clients because there is a genuine appreciation between us.”

Her personal approach is well received among clients, from meeting at their homes to giving them direct contact with her at all times of the day.

“My clients know I am always available to them!”

Jennifer was named partner of the firm in 2014, was selected as a 2016 Illinois Super Lawyer, and has secured over \$20 million on behalf of her clients over the past four years with Salvi, Schostok, & Pritchard.

“I love this firm because I know we are all doing the best we can for our clients. We are ethical and working at 100 percent of our effort. I have really found the right place to be. And my goal is to make sure each of my clients feels the same way when working with me.”

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