

Hinsdale plaintiff attorney strides to make difference in people's lives

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Plaintiff Attorney Jeff Kroll of Hinsdale has joined the law firm of Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C. (Submitted photo)

HINSDALE · Plaintiff Attorney Jeff Kroll often involves himself with tough, emotional cases. When he's able to help people, his job is most rewarding.

"Whether it's the death of a child, the death of a spouse, paralysis; there are so many things that have really touched me and impacted me," Kroll said.

Kroll has joined Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C. after having his own practice and working with Chicago's Clifford Law Offices. He was the youngest personal injury lawyer selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers of America 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The Hinsdale resident has been practicing law for years, focusing in the areas of medical malpractice, personal injury and wrongful death cases.

Kroll isn't representing corporations or entities, but individuals. As a result, he gets to know families quite well and becomes a bigger part of their lives besides just having the attorney-client relationship · something he said for him was even hard to explain.

"I have gone to several clients' weddings because you're such an active part of their life with the litigation, and it's almost like you're part of their family," he said.

Kroll said he has secured millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients, but it's his blue-collar background that gives him the confidence to take on some of the largest corporations in court.

"I can feel comfortable sitting across from the truck driver as much as I do sitting across from the CEO of a large corporation," he said.

Kroll grew up on the South Side of Chicago in Brighton Park, not too far from Comiskey Park. His mom was a bank teller and his dad was a truck driver.

His childhood and time in law school gave him the best of both worlds, as well as leg up when it comes to juries.

"Each jury is different," he said. "They come from different backgrounds, they have different biases, they've got different views on life and you have to connect with all 12."

That's part of the fun of being in court, which Kroll said is his favorite part about being an attorney. "I've played sports my entire life and I love and thrive on the competition," he said.

While the hours can be long, he finds his work fulfilling.

"Someone once told me, 'Find something you don't do well and don't do it,'" he said. "I think the most successful people are the ones who enjoy what they're doing, they're passionate about it and they work hard."