

# **Tom D'Amore of D'Amore Law Group and Steve Brady of the Brady Law Group Honored as 2020 Trial Lawyers of the Year by the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association**

The D'Amore Law Group, P.C. is proud to announce that the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association (SFTLA) awarded Portland attorney Tom D'Amore with its 2020 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award for his work and \$26.4 million dollar verdict in Allison, et al. v. Horizon Transport, Inc. Mr. D'Amore was honored along with co-counsel Steve Brady of the Brady Law Group, at a virtual gala on August 27, 2020.

The SFTLA board of directors annually honors an attorney or team of attorneys for an exceptional trial victory of the last year based on the size of the verdict, stakes in controversy, diligence and determination shown by counsel, and the rights and interests of society that were vindicated through the verdict.

D'Amore and Brady were nominated for their co-representation of a husband, Matthew Allison, and the estate of his wife, Sara Allison, against transportation companies Horizon Transport and Smoot Enterprises and their drivers. In May 2019, an Oregon federal jury returned a record personal injury \$26.4 million verdict against the two transportation companies and their drivers for their prolonged bout of "road rage" with one another that caused a head-on accident, killing 30-year-old Allison and severely injuring then 27-year-old Allison.

The jury deliberated for nearly six hours following a nine-day

trial and found that the concerted negligence of the defendants caused the fatal June 2016 crash. The jury found that Allison suffered \$600,000 in economic damages and \$7 million in noneconomic damages, and his wife's estate suffered \$2.38 million in economic damages and \$10 million in noneconomic damages. The jury also found for the Allisons against the transportation companies in the amount of \$6.5 million in punitive damages against Smoot and Horizon.

An attorney for more than 29 years, D'Amore is licensed to practice law in Oregon, Washington and California, and is a board-certified civil trial attorney with the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA). He is also one of a few attorneys in the United States board-certified in trucking injury law by the NBTA.

#### About D'Amore Law Group

Since 1992, the D'Amore Law Group has represented thousands of injury victims and their loved ones in Oregon, Washington and California in various complex and catastrophic personal injury matters. Founder Tom D'Amore is dedicated to asserting the rights of clients who have been seriously injured by the negligence and intentional conduct of individual and corporate wrongdoers. The firm handles a wide variety of personal injury and wrongful death cases, in areas including automobile, trucking, motorcycle and bicycle accidents, nursing home and medical negligence, sexual abuse, construction and job site injuries, class action suits and bad faith insurance lawsuits. The firm has locations for meeting clients in Portland, Lake Oswego, and Bend, Oregon, as well as in Vancouver, Washington. For more information, please visit [www.damorelaw.com](http://www.damorelaw.com).