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Imagine a lawyer mortgaging his own home so he could raise \$250,000 to pay for expenses on a client's case. A civil litigator for nearly 30 years, Super Lawyer Tom Fitzpatrick has demonstrated strong dedication to his firm's motto, "Where clients come first."

ADVOCATING FOR THE INJURED The law firm of Fitzpatrick, Blackey & Associates represents people who have been injured because of someone else's fault, whether it is a car accident, a dangerous product, or a negligent doctor. The firm's practice areas include Litigation, Insurance Law, Workers' Compensation, Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, Products Liability, Medical Malpractice, and Mediation. They also make social security claims for people who have

significant disabilities. "Almost all of our clients are injured and are hurting physically, sometimes mentally and emotionally, and frequently financially," says Fitzpatrick, the owner of Fitzpatrick, Blackey & Associates.

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FORMING A WINNING TEAM Fitzpatrick, before moving to private civil litigation practice, began his career as an assistant district attorney in the La Crosse County District Attorney's office. He now handles personal injury and medical malpractice cases, workers compensation cases involving head or back injuries, and business litigation. Fitzpatrick currently employs four associates, each focusing on

various aspects of the firm's practice. His son, Dave Fitzpatrick, with six years of experience, provides efficient and effective representation of clients involved in personal injury, workers' compensation, and social security disability cases. Mark Siefert has over 16 years of experience handling both personal injury and workers' compensation cases. A 2005 graduate of University of Wisconsin Law School, Ricardo Estrada will also be handling personal injury, workers compensation, and social security disability cases. Don Robison, a 2005 graduate of Marquette Law School, is handling personal injury and workers compensation cases. Also, because of his extensive background in medical research at Harvard Medical School and Northwestern University, Robison will provide assistance with medical malpractice cases.

IMPACTING THE FUTURE Fitzpatrick instills in others the value of education, leading by example and encouraging the continuous enhancement of knowledge and skills. "I attend national seminars and workshops to improve my knowledge and skills, and I encourage associates to do the same when appropriate," says Fitzpatrick, having attended a weeklong workshop at Harvard Law School and numerous focus group workshops and seminars sponsored by the American Trial Lawyers Association. In addition, he has been designated a Certified Civil Trial Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Fitzpatrick has even left on younger generations a lasting impression about the legal profession. For three years, he has served as coach for the La Crosse Central mock trial team, which has placed second in the state tournament for the past two years. Of his eight children, Fitzpatrick's two oldest sons are now attorneys, while two of his daughters, currently in college, plan to go to law school. By making admirable sacrifices, Fitzpatrick has undoubtedly demonstrated his strong belief in his clients and their cases: "That belief was tested several years ago when I mortgaged my home to come up with \$250,000 to pay for expenses on a medical malpractice case, the case that ultimately settled for \$11.9 million."

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