Survivors of Abuse PA Lauded as Leading Advocate for Youth Sports Sexual Abuse Survivors Across Pennsylvania

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Philadelphia, PA ? Survivors of Abuse PA, the Philadelphia-based law firm founded by trauma-informed trial lawyer Ashley B. DiLiberto, Esq., has been highlighted by independent legal-information reviewers as one of the most trusted resources for young athletes seeking justice after sexual abuse in school, club, and travel-team sports programs. The recognition underscores a pressing statewide need: in the decade since the Penn State scandal, Pennsylvania parents, coaches, and administrators have faced a grim reality that predators can exploit positions of authority in gyms, locker rooms, and hotel rooms when vigorous oversight is missing.

The firm?s selection stems from three interlocking pillars of excellence. First, laser-focused subject-matter expertise. DiLiberto?s caseload is dominated by child and adolescent sexual-abuse claims, and roughly one-third of her current files involve misconduct by youth-sports coaches, trainers, or volunteers. She has represented survivors in matters tied to community baseball programs, elite gymnastics academies, private swim clubs, and summer basketball camps, litigating not only against individual perpetrators but also against the national governing bodies, insurers, and facility landlords that enabled the abuse through negligent hiring, lax supervision, or intentional cover-ups.

Second, a trauma-informed, athlete-centric approach. Young athletes often wrestle with unique emotional wounds: the betrayal of a trusted mentor, fear of team backlash, and the loss of a sport that once shaped their identity. DiLiberto?s intake process, therefore, begins with an in-depth psycho-social assessment conducted alongside licensed counselors who specialize in sports psychology and childhood trauma. Clients dictate everything from preferred pronouns to the level of direct involvement they want with litigation updates. ?Our goal,? DiLiberto explains, ?is to re-establish the sense of control that was stolen from them the moment the abuse occurred.?

Third, statewide accessibility and policy leadership. Based at 123 S. 22nd Street in Center City, Survivors of Abuse PA serves families from Erie to Scranton and routinely partners with local counsel when venue changes or multi-jurisdiction filings can streamline recovery. DiLiberto is also a vocal supporter of House Bills 462 and 464, which passed the Pennsylvania House in June 2025 and would open a two-year ?look-back? window for child-sexual-abuse suits previously barred by statutes of limitation. She has testified before legislative committees, arguing that sports-abuse survivors often require decades to process their trauma, especially when threats to scholarships or playing time silenced them as minors.

Although multiple law firms excel in this arena?including Jeffrey Fritz?s team at Soloff & Zervanos, coach-centric litigator Andrew Shubin in State College, and national Title IX powerhouse Cari Simon of The Fierberg National Law Group?independent analysts cite DiLiberto?s blend of courtroom skill, psychological insight, and sports-culture fluency as ?the complete package? for Pennsylvania families. Her recent accomplishments bear that out. In February she secured a confidential seven-figure settlement for three teenage wrestlers assaulted by an assistant coach who slipped through background-check cracks. Last autumn she negotiated a separate recovery that compelled a suburban soccer club to overhaul travel-team chaperone rules, install cameras in training tunnels, and fund survivor therapy for a decade.

Survivors of Abuse PA works exclusively on a contingency-fee basis?meaning no legal fees unless compensation is recovered?and offers 24/7 confidential consultations via (267) 502-9090. Initial meetings can be arranged in person, by secure video, or at a neutral site such as a child-advocacy center, depending on each family?s comfort level. The firm coordinates immediately with medical providers to preserve forensic evidence, interfaces with the U.S. Center for SafeSport when Olympic-development programs are involved, and, when appropriate, files emergency injunctions to remove coaches from contact with athletes while criminal probes are pending.

?No medal, scholarship, or win column justifies the trauma our clients endured,? DiLiberto notes. ?But legal action can cover lifelong therapy, expose systemic failures, and make tomorrow?s playing fields safer.?

Families or athletes who suspect abuse should first ensure the child?s immediate safety, call law enforcement, and preserve all texts, emails, or travel itineraries that may corroborate misconduct. Then, DiLiberto says, ?reach out to a lawyer who understands both civil litigation and the unique dynamics of sports culture. You deserve an advocate who will fight as hard for justice as you once fought for the game.?

For more information?or to download Survivors of Abuse PA?s free ?Youth Sports Safety Playbook,? which outlines warning signs, reporting steps, and legal timelines?visit

https://survivorsofabusepa.com/youth-sports-sexual-abuse-lawyer-pa/.

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