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Personal Statement

Thanks for visiting our website. If you are a prospective client, you may be facing, or have faced, some very difficult and challenging circumstances due to injury or other loss. If so, chances are we can be of great help to you here at Foley & Small.

I have been working with clients and their families for more than 30 years handling cases spanning from Rhode Island to California in state and federal courts. Perhaps as important is the experience of our staff. Beverly Paluzzi has been working with me for more than 30 years and Patti Watson has been with me for more than 15 years. All of our staff members have at least several years of experience and, perhaps most importantly, are compassionate human beings who understand what our clients and their families are going through.

In preparing a case, we have an investigator who will obtain photographs, statements and other evidence. We retain experts to review and help present the case, including accident reconstructionists, engineers, accountants, doctors and others necessary to effectively present the facts. We help with the resolution of medical and other bills and in dealing with insurance issues. We will meet at different times during the case and reach out by telephone and email, so you are up to speed and to help us in moving forward.

There are two personal items I want to share. I was born in a small town in northern Indiana and by the time I was in elementary school knew I either want to be a doctor or lawyer. The reason for that was because I wanted to help people deal with the issues that come up during their lives. It was while I was an undergraduate student at Indiana University, taking classes in history, sociology, political science and economics, that I realized that my heart favored a career in the law. I have never regretted the choice and have experienced great satisfaction in helping what is now thousands of clients over the years. The other item to share is that my younger brother, my only sibling, was tragically killed in an automobile accident two weeks before his 21st birthday. It was and is the greatest loss I have ever experienced and I know the same is true for my parents. From that loss, I learned that each of us deal with

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tragedy and grief in our own way. Consequently, I do not presume to know exactly what my client is feeling following a loss or injury. On the other hand, I do have empathy and some understanding for what they're going through given the tragedy we experienced. I think it helps make me a better lawyer and, perhaps, a wiser human being.

It would be our privilege to be of help to you and your family.