



BERTINI O'DONNELL & JOCHENS, PC

**"Your Rights Are Our Business"**

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## FIRM NEWS

*As we reach our one year firm anniversary, we wanted to extend our heartfelt thanks to the reason for our success: you, our clients. Please know that we remain committed to you and will continue to serve you in the way that you have come to expect from us and the only way we know how to represent our clients – with courtesy, respect and compassion for your unique needs and situations. Please remember that we handle a wide variety of cases, including all personal injury, automobile and trucking accidents, injuries from defective products, employment and discrimination, medical malpractice, nursing home negligence, and birth-related injuries. We sincerely appreciate your referrals of our firm to your friends and family.*



### **Lisa Bertini – Breaking Barriers**

In a recent decision, believed to be the first of its kind before Judge Kelley of the Eastern District Court, Ms. Bertini has paved the way for her client to have her day in court. The client, a former administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was facing a probable dismissal of her discrimination action against VDOT. VDOT filed a motion for summary judgment to dismiss the case. In an unprecedented decision, Judge Kelly dismissed VDOT's motion and Ms. Bertini's client will be heard.



### **Lisa O'Donnell – Elected Vice President of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association**

At the recent Annual Convention of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Lisa O'Donnell was elected Vice President of this organization. Ms. O'Donnell has been an active member of the association for many years. This involvement presents invaluable opportunities to participate in the formulation of policy and law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which is vital to the protection of the rights of its citizens.



### **Amberley Gibbs Jochens – Fighting for Injured Children**

Ms. Jochens continues to be one of only a few attorneys in the area to represent children with devastating neurological injuries resulting from birth in an effort to get them benefits from the Virginia Birth Injury Fund. She is passionate about raising awareness of this Fund, which exists for those who struggle with the challenges of caring for and raising children who are victims of birth related injuries. In addition, where the Fund is not applicable, she continues to represent these children in medical negligence claims.