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Kussman & Whitehill founders Russell Kussman and Michael Whitehill, two Boalt Hall graduates, bring unique backgrounds to the practice of plaintiff's personal injury litigation.

After nearly 10 years of medical practice, including training at Harvard and Stanford, Kussman joined a major Los Angeles law firm. Soon thereafter, he opened his own practice and immediately inherited a complex drug products liability/medical malpractice case that had been turned down by leading trial lawyers across California. The plaintiff, a baby born with no arms and one leg, was about to have his case dismissed when Kussman picked up the file. He brought the case to trial against two of the most prominent defense attorneys in the state and obtained a plaintiff's verdict. That was the start of a long run of courtroom successes.

RECORD-BREAKING VERDICTS On several occasions, Kussman set the record for the largest medical malpractice ver-

dicts in California. And just this year, he obtained a \$6.5 million jury verdict for a brain-damaged child, which led to his fifth nomination from the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles as Trial Lawyer of the Year.

KUSSMAN & WHITEHILL— A UNIQUE BLEND OF IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE AND BROAD-BASED EXPERIENCE.

Whitehill also began his legal career in a large Los Angeles law firm, representing multinational corporations and insurance companies in tobacco, products liability and insurance bad faith litigation. He then joined a firm that exclusively represented plaintiffs, and eventually left to form Kussman & Whitehill. He went undefeated in his first seven jury trials as a plaintiff's lawyer—one victory yielded a record-breaking \$12 million punitive damage verdict affirmed on appeal.

CONSISTENT RESULTS In the past year alone, Whitehill has settled several wrongful death cases involving commercial trucks, resulting in settlements of \$3 and \$6 million. He also resolved an automobile products liability action in which a teenage girl who suffered a leg amputation obtained a confidential multimillion-dollar settlement. And, he successfully handled the appeal of an insurance bad faith case that he had won at trial, reinstating the punitive damages claim.

PERSONAL MISSION The success of Kussman & Whitehill is not just the result of expertise and hard work. Equally important is its personal commitment to balance the scales of justice and improve the lives of the catastrophically injured.

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