

# Legal eagles...



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of the 'Hood**  
By Felicia Dechter

Congrats to Lincoln Parker Todd A. Smith. He and his law partner, Brian LaCien, have formed Smith LaCien LLP, a personal injury

law firm concentrating in catastrophic injury, wrongful death and medical malpractice cases, at 70 W. Madison St.

The pair had previously practiced law at Power, Rogers & Smith and has more than 60 years of combined experience as trial lawyers with more than \$2 billion in verdicts and settlements and some 100 cases with results of at least \$1 million. (Wow, I know who I'm calling if I ever have the need.)

Now you may be thinking, why would anyone start a law firm in the middle of a global health and financial crisis?

“Starting a law firm during a pandemic is challenging, but it can't compare to the challenges our injured clients face every day,” said Smith, who received his law degree from Loyola U. School of Law. “We are inspired by the people we represent and work hard to

help them receive a just resolution to their case.”

“Early in my career, I learned that having a deep understanding of a client's situation would lead to more effective representation,” said Smith, who is married to attorney Marcia Friedel-Smith. “I strive to help clients receive fair and reasonable compensation at a time in their lives when so such support is needed.”



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In a recent case against the city, Smith and LaCien obtained a \$9.5 million settlement for a bicyclist who suffered a head injury when his tire got caught in an exposed trolley rail crack. In another case, Smith obtained a \$20 million settlement for a college student who suffered severe brain damage while undergoing heart surgery.

Both Smith and LaCien have a lengthy list of impressive accomplishments, way too many to list. We wish them well and congratulate them both on their new endeavor.

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