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Always at the forefront of Maryland personal injury advocacy, Plaxen & Adler has once again assumed a prominent leadership role in a landmark case: *James Coleman v. Soccer Association of Columbia, et al.*

The first judicial test of Maryland's outdated negligence law in decades, this matter garnered national attention. Firm partner Bruce Plaxen argued before the state's highest court to change Maryland's longstanding but obsolete negligence law in favor of injured victims.

The firm challenged the fairness of the harsh contributory negligence law still in effect in Maryland—when 46 states have modernized their law by adopting comparative negligence. The contributory negligence law forbids victims of negligence from recovering any compensation if they contributed to their own injuries in any way, even if they are only slightly at fault. Advocating that Maryland adopt the fairer comparative negligence law, Plaxen argued that contributory negligence not only fails to hold responsible parties accountable, but also denies victims just compensation and the ability to recover damages against those whose negligence caused harm.

"The contributory negligence law is unfair and unjust," says Plaxen, who serves as chairman of the Political Action Committee for the Maryland Association for Justice and is often called upon to testify in the Maryland General Assembly. "It denies victims proper compensation and fails to deter negligent conduct."

With more than 30 years of experience representing clients in a wide range of personal injury matters, Plaxen & Adler has come to play a leading role in protecting the rights of injured people, not only by winning cases, but by working to change the law. The firm only handles personal injury cases. The firm's clients know that they are being represented by experienced and dedicated trial lawyers who are willing to go to any length to seek justice, and who have the groundbreaking victories to prove it.

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