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Plaxen Adler Muncy Founding Partner Bruce Plaxen Elected President of AAJ

First Maryland bar attorney to lead the nation's largest trial lawyer association

Baltimore, MD – Plaxen Adler Muncy is proud to announce that Founding Partner Bruce Plaxen has been sworn in as the new President of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), becoming the first attorney from the Maryland bar to hold this prestigious position in the 80-year history of AAJ. With more than 40 years of experience advocating for injury victims and advancing civil justice reform, Plaxen's leadership has shaped policy and protected consumers' rights in Maryland and nationwide.

As President, Plaxen plans to lead AAJ through a challenging legal and political climate, focusing on defending the rule of law and ensuring that all people can continue to seek legal representation. Recognizing that many of today's battles for justice take place in state legislatures and Congress rather than courtrooms, he aims to push back against efforts to restrict access to the courts and to remove barriers that prevent victims from having their day in court. He is also committed to strengthening the civil justice system, safeguarding the right to trial by jury, and supporting trial lawyers through education, resources, and mentorship.

"I'm honored to lead AAJ at such a critical time for civil justice in America," said Bruce Plaxen. "I look forward to working with our incredible community to protect the right to trial by jury, promote fairness for those harmed by negligence, and strengthen the civil justice system so every victim has a path to justice."

Throughout his career, Plaxen has tirelessly fought for injury victims in cases involving auto accidents, premises liability, products liability, insurance misconduct, and more. He has secured precedent-setting decisions against HMOs resulting in millions in recoveries for wronged patients, played a key role in in a landmark decision defeating retroactive changes in the law, and participated in one of the largest pro bono efforts in U.S. history to support 9/11 victims and their families.

Plaxen has served on AAJ's Board of Governors since 2003 and has held nearly every major leadership position within the organization, earning top honors including the Distinguished Service Award, the Joe Tonahill Award, and four-time recognition with the Wiedemann Wysocki Citation of Excellence. In Maryland, he is a past president of the Maryland Association for Justice. He has been honored as Trial Lawyer of the Year in Maryland and the only three-time recipient of its President's Award.

"For as long as I can remember, my father has been laser-focused on justice for both his clients and the entire civil justice system," said Bruce's son, Josh Plaxen, who now practices law alongside him. "This moment is the culmination of a legacy built over decades."



Plaxen Adler Muncy, P.A. is one of Maryland's premier personal injury law firms, dedicated to protecting the rights of injury victims and their families for over 40 years. With a proven track record in cases involving medical malpractice, auto accidents, insurance disputes, and more, the firm is known for its unwavering commitment to clients and the civil justice system.