Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf (GGCRBHS&M) is one of the most successful and longstanding plaintiff’s law firms in the country. Based in Manhattan but representing clients throughout New York and New Jersey, the firm specializes in the most serious and significant personal injury, wrongful-death, and general negligence cases.

The end of the decade was particularly special, as GGCRBHS&M celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2019 and continued to make national headlines with its most recent verdicts and settlements—three of which totaled more than $170 million for injury victims.

In July 2019, managing partner Ben Rubinowitz and partner Richard Steigman obtained a $59.2 million verdict—one of the largest of the year—for a former New York City high school student who was disfigured during a botched chemistry experiment. The plaintiff, who was 16 years old at the time of the accident, suffered third-degree burns to his neck and face.

In December 2018, partners Howard Hershenhorn and Diana Carnemolla obtained an $85 million jury verdict for a pedestrian who sustained catastrophic injuries after being hit by a double-decker tour bus in downtown Manhattan. This was the largest verdict obtained in New York state and the 25th largest verdict obtained in the US in 2018.

In September 2018, Rubinowitz and partner Peter Saghir obtained a record-setting $27.5 million settlement from the Diocese of Brooklyn on behalf of four boys who were sexually abused by a religion teacher. This is the largest settlement ever awarded to sexual abuse victims in New York.

These results extend the firm’s successful track record of results achieved in and out of the courtroom. In the last decade, GGCRBHS&M’s superior record of accomplishment included more than 400 cases resulting in verdicts or settlements exceeding $1 million.

“We are selective in the cases we accept. We dedicate ourselves to the highest quality of service at all times,” Rubinowitz said. “Catastrophic injury is a complex area of the law, and the lawyers at our firm work incredibly hard to ensure the best result for every client.”

The firm has received many accolades from the legal community. This year, nine lawyers were listed in the 2020 Edition of The Best Lawyers: Ben Rubinowitz, Jeffrey Bloom, Howard Hershenhorn, Anthony Gair, Richard Steigman, Christopher Donadio, Marijo Adimey, Diana Carnemolla, and Stephen Mackauf. Additionally, Best Lawyers recognized Hershenhorn as the 2020 “Lawyer of the Year” for Personal Injury Litigation—Plaintiffs in New York City.

The firm was founded by Anthony Gair’s father, Harry Gair, in 1919, and in the time since, it has had only four managing partners. Rubinowitz said the founder’s legacy is upheld every day through the client-first philosophy that exists in every action the firm takes.

“Clients have been putting their trust in our firm for 100 years,” Rubinowitz said. “That trust is sacred to every member of our firm—past and present—and we are proudest of that reputation. I’m confident our tradition of excellence will continue for another 100 years.”