

Birth Injuries

Welcoming a baby into the world is supposed to be one of the great joys of life, but unfortunately, for some it is a traumatic experience resulting in birth injuries to the baby or mother, or both.

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Birth injuries are a particularly heartbreaking kind of medical injury, creating problems for a baby from the start of his or her life, or causing harm to someone as they bring life into the world. Giving birth to a baby is a natural process, but one that can get complicated and require medical assistance. Whether a child is born through a vaginal delivery or a first-time c-section or VBAC, there are risks and there can be mistakes or negligence that cause birth trauma and birth injuries that can have profound ramifications on a family.

While patients in the United States benefit from some of the highest-ranking and most capable healthcare providers in the world, thousands of mistakes happen by doctors and nurses every year, which cause injuries and even death. When healthcare providers violate the standard of care all patients deserve, you need a skilled legal team to handle your birth injury case.

Patients and their families put a tremendous amount of trust in obstetricians, nurses and other medical experts, but not all of them deserve that trust or conduct themselves within the guidelines of medical ethics, patient safety or state laws. In addition, mistakes happen. But anyone who encounters these problems in the birth of their child deserves justice.

The consequences of a birth injury can be devastating, causing brain injuries that lead to intellectual or developmental delays, skull fractures, nerve damage, hemorrhage or intracranial hemorrhage, or even cerebral palsy. Tragically, birth injuries can even lead to wrongful death.

Birth injuries in vaginal deliveries and C-sections

If a mother delivers a child in a so-called natural delivery, there are many types of birth injuries that can occur. A breech delivery may require the use of forceps or vacuum extraction to move the child through the birth canal. These procedures can cause facial nerve injuries or hematoma, injuries to the baby's head, caput succedaneum, bone fractures, nerve damage and spinal cord

injuries. Injuries like clavicle trauma, brachial plexus injury, Erb's palsy and Klumpke's palsy and Horner's syndrome can occur. The mother's pelvis can suffer traumatic injury as well.

In other situations, doctors may not detect or properly manage problems with a uterine rupture can occur such as shoulder dystocia, an umbilical cord wrapped around a baby's neck, which restricts blood flow, causes oxygen deprivation and brain damage that can sometimes require resuscitation and lead to long-term impairment for the child. One of the most severe outcomes in this situation is hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy or HIE.

On the other hand, if a mother delivers via a cesarean section because there are problems with the placenta or other factors in vaginal delivery, there can be birth injuries to the baby. This procedure is also major surgery for the mother, with risk factors related to an epidural, infection, or a hemorrhage to name a few.

Premature birth

Not all babies are fortunate enough to make it to their due date, and a small percentage are born prematurely. These live but premature births come with unique risks and can be traumatic for infants and mothers. Premature deliveries often result in expensive and upsetting hospital stays and parents have questions about the care received by their obstetrician. Did the physician know enough? Do enough to manage the pregnancy and any risk factors the mother had?

Birth injury lawyers to investigate your claim

With headquarters in Chicago, Romanucci & Blandin approaches a birth injury action as a way to provide monetary compensation and hold a culpable medical professional or institution financially accountable and responsible for the physical and emotional damages that have occurred.

Our law firm has a team of personal injury attorneys and staff who have years of experience with birth injury litigation. Our team includes partners who guide the process and share their deep knowledge of these types of lawsuits. Each client and each situation is different, and your claim is treated with great care and respect as the team investigates what happened and determines the best path to justice for you.

At Romanucci & Blandin, our personal injury lawyers research the most up-to-date birth injury laws and hire trained and experienced birth injury experts to work as expert witnesses and consultants on your cases. We will evaluate the birth injury claim and research the relevant statute of limitations applicable to your case. Whether it is to review medical bills, medical malpractice laws, standard of care and other medical negligence of hospitals, obstetricians and other health care providers, we work to locate and utilize the best medical experts and expert witnesses across the country who are experienced in all the relevant state laws.

We know exactly what to do to litigate your birth injury case. We will obtain all necessary medical records, interview witnesses, and prepare thoroughly and meticulously for your day in court. Ultimately, our aim is to obtain the maximum compensation possible so that you and your family can move on with your life.

Results in birth injury cases

The results we have achieved in birth injury cases are a testament to our team's dedication to clients. For example, we are proud to have secured justice for a wide range of awards for people: those who have lost loved ones, as well as injured individuals who have had medical mistakes, that cause life-altering conditions for either the child or the mother.

Our results speak for themselves. From birth injuries that cause palsy or other abnormalities, prematurity and macrosomia, to injury to the mother's pelvis, our team knows how the system works, how insurance companies and hospitals operate, and what judges, juries or mediators need to see to understand your claim. The Birth Injury Team is proud of the work we do advocating for our clients whose lives have been changed by these types of birth injuries. The team is pleased to have secured a \$35 million settlement following a three-week trial in 2023 for a girl who suffered a birth injury that resulted in cerebral palsy.

Birth injury claims

The following are some of the types of medical malpractice lawsuits we handle for our clients:

- Birth Asphyxia
- Birth Paralysis
- C-Section Error
- Injury during a VBAC
- Cerebral Palsy
- Injury During Labor
- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
- Shoulder Dystocia

Free consultation on your case by Chicago-based birth injury lawyers

The birth injury attorneys at Romanucci & Blandin have proven success in these types of cases. **Please contact our office at info@rblaw.net, 312-458-1000 or [click here for a free evaluation of your case](#).** There is never a fee until you are compensated at the end of the case.

Disclaimer: The content found on this page is not legal assistance and contacting the birth injury lawyers at Romanucci & Blandin's law office for a free consultation regarding personal injury cases and birth injury claims does not constitute an attorney-client relationship.

Experience

\$35,000,000 Settlement – Birth Injury

\$3,000,000 Settlement – Medical Negligence

\$1,600,000 Settlement – Birth Injury

\$700,000 Settlement – Birth Injury & Wrongful Death

\$785,000 Settlement – Stillbirth

\$29,800,000 Verdict – Birth Injury

\$18,600,000 Verdict – Birth Injury

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NorthShore Agrees to \$35M Settlement in Medical Negligence Case
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\$35M Settlement In NorthShore, Sex Offender OB-GYN Birth Injury Suit
Patch, April 11, 2023

NorthShore agrees to pay \$35 million settlement in medical negligence case involving troubled obstetrician
Chicago Tribune, April 10, 2023

NorthShore agrees to pay \$35 million to settle malpractice suit
Crain's Chicago Business, April 10, 2023

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Stephan D. Blandin and medical malpractice team resolve birth injury case against Fabio Ortega, NorthShore Univ. Healthsystem for \$35 million
April 10, 2023

Romanucci & Blandin Senior Attorney Daisy Ayllón Honored with 2023 Chicago-Kent Outstanding Young Alumni Award
March 10, 2023

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