

## Clergy Abuse

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Clergy abuse is a criminal offense that can be punished by imprisonment, but a victim of such abuse can also file a civil lawsuit to recover compensation. Romanucci & Blandin has significant experience with clergy abuse lawsuits, and we are very familiar with the challenges and compassion that these cases require. We understand how to listen to people who have suffered sexual assault and sexual abuse, and our clergy abuse attorneys know how to bring some measure of justice to your life.

### What is clergy abuse?

Clergy abuse is a form of sexual abuse perpetuated against adults or minors when a clergy intentionally uses their power and position to exploit or sexually abuse a member of their congregation.

Clergy abuse is a highly dehumanizing occurrence that can cause psychological and emotional damages that can last a lifetime.

#### Clergy abuse can involve:

- Sexualizing conversations
- Solicitating or sending sexual images/text
- Unwanted touching
- Sexual activity

### Clergy abuse is real

Victims of sexual abuse at the hands of clergy can be hesitant to speak out due to shame or fear of embarrassment. This form of abuse is even more sensitive with children. Romanucci & Blandin has significant experience with clergy abuse lawsuit and is familiar with challenges and care that

is needed to work with both victims and cases.

At Romanucci & Blandin we approach clergy abuse to provide monetary compensation and hold a person or institution financially accountable and responsible for the economic, physical, and emotional damages that have occurred.

## Your clergy abuse claim

With headquarters in Chicago, the sexual abuse and hazing attorneys at Romanucci & Blandin know the damage caused by these situations can also include missed work and loss of income, medical bills for treatment, wrongful death, therapy or counselling and more. The attorneys at Romanucci & Blandin know how to navigate these sensitive cases and bringing justice to victims - even if the abuse took place years ago - and often settle these types of cases without going to trial.

At Romanucci & Blandin, we approach a clergy abuse claim as a way to provide monetary compensation and hold an individual or institution financially accountable and responsible for the economic, physical and emotional damages that have occurred.

Our law firm has a team of attorneys and staff who have years of experience with clergy abuse litigation. Our sexual abuse legal team includes partners who guide the process and share their deep knowledge of clergy abuse 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.

We know exactly what to do to litigate your sexual abuse or hazing case. We will obtain all necessary background information on the abuser and, if appropriate, any institution such as a church, diocese or any other house of worship that was involved. We find the records, interview witnesses, utilize experts and prepare thoroughly and meticulously for your case. Ultimately, our aim is to obtain the maximum compensation possible so that you can move on with your life.

At Romanucci & Blandin, our clergy abuse attorneys research the most up-to-date sexual misconduct laws and hire trained and experienced sexual assault and hazing experts to work as expert witnesses and consultants on your cases. We will evaluate your injury, claim and research the relevant statute of limitations applicable to your case. We work to locate and utilize the best experts across the country who are experienced in all the relevant state laws.

## Delivering justice for clergy abuse victims

The results we have achieved in many clergy abuse cases are a testament to our team's fierce dedication to clients. For example, we have secured justice for two altar boys who were sexually abused by a catholic priest on Chicago's South Side and are currently working on two case to procure justice for a John Doe in Arizona regarding the Church of the Latter Day Saints and John Doe A, B, &C in a case regarding the Diocese of Joliet.

## Free consultation on your case with a Chicago-based clergy abuse attorney

The clergy abuse attorneys at Romanucci & Blandin have proven success in these types of cases. **If you or a loved one has suffered injury or wrongful death, please contact our office at [Info@rblaw.net](mailto: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 for your injuries at the end of the case.**

## Experience

\$880,000 Settlement – Clergy Abuse  
June 23, 2021

\$2,100,000 Settlement – Sexual Abuse of Child at Catholic Church Camp  
April 2020

\$1,400,000 Settlement – Clergy Abuse  
August 2018

## In the News

Chicago Archdiocese to pay \$1.75M settlement to woman who says she was abused by priest in 1980s  
*Fox 32 Chicago*, August 5, 2022

Chicago Archdiocese To Pay \$1.75 Million To Woman Who Says Priest Sexually Abused Her At South Side Catholic School  
*Block Club Chicago*, August 5, 2022

Priest sex abuse lawsuit against Archdiocese of Chicago settled for over \$1,000,000  
*WBBM News Radio Chicago*, August 5, 2022

## Press Releases

Romanucci & Blandin secures \$1.75 million settlement for sexual abuse of a girl by priest at St. Cyril Catholic School  
August 5, 2022

Romanucci & Blandin settles sexual abuse case involving Father John Burke, the Clerics of St. Viator and the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois  
February 24, 2022

Romanucci & Blandin files childhood sexual abuse lawsuits and claims against Archdiocese of New York, Diocese of Brooklyn, Diocese of Rockville Centre and a Boy Scouts Local Council  
September 21, 2021

Romanucci & Blandin Secures \$880,000 Settlement on Behalf of Two Boys Exploited by Priest  
June 23, 2021

New LawsUIT Details Sexual Abuse by Leaders of Arizona Boy Scout Troop and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
January 14, 2021

Sexual abuse of a child at a Catholic Church camp results in \$2.1 million settlement  
April 20, 2020

Settlement Reached with the Diocese of Joliet for Sexual Abuse of Young Boys  
August 29, 2018

## Blog Posts

You or a Loved One Has Experienced Sexual Abuse or Violence...Now What?  
*Romanucci & Blandin Blog*, June 3, 2022