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## Personal Service for your Personal Injuries

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By the looks of his office, Attorney Robert Russo is a busy man. Important documents are neatly stacked in various piles, his computer and phone are within easy reach, and legal reference books all vie for space on Russo's crowded desk. Russo pivots in his chair as he tends to one task at a time, navigating his way deliberately through a day's worth of work.

For Robert Russo, this work doesn't start and stop according the hands of a clock, it is ongoing, it is all-consuming, and all of it is pressing. Second only to his family, his work is where his passions lie  $\sim$  and this has been his personal narrative for over 30 years. Attorney Russo, who some might also recognize as the longtime President of the Town Council in Johnston, is a man of his word whose commitment to both his clients and his constituents is consistent and unwavering.

Robert Russo is a "hometown boy" who was born and raised

in Johnston, Rhode Island and who has lived here all his life, with the exception of a few years at the University of Baltimore where he received his law degree. He is devoted to the people who live in this state ~ he has worked for them and alongside them his entire career. Russo still resides in Johnston where he and his wife Isabelle have raised their daughter Sophie.

Though the Russo's are seasoned travelers, given that Isabelle is from Belgium, theirs is a family that is totally immersed in the life and diverse cultures of Rhode Island. After a successful experience in high school, including a senior year as a student at Johnson & Wales, Sophie is now a freshman at Bryant University where her father is proud to report that she is on the Dean's List. Isabelle teaches Spanish at Johnston High School after having taught French at St. Raphael's Academy. Robert got his undergraduate degree from Bryant in 1987 where he majored in criminal justice.



Sophie shares her father's passion and has already demonstrated some of the same doggedness, determination and drive that have marked her father's career for three decades.

Russo's commitment to the residents of his home state has been a trademark of his entire life as both a Personal Injury lawyer and a Town Councilman. To Russo, these individuals are his friends, his neighbors, his livelihood. There is a feeling of accountability he feels towards them that goes beyond the outcome of his legal representation or what happens in a town council meeting. He cares about these people and their lives and has always gone above and beyond to represent them with integrity, dependability, trustworthiness, and fairness. Russo created a scholarship through his law office and provides financial help to students, as well as to those in the community who are in need.

Attorney Russo has been practicing law since he was straight out of law school. His cut his teeth as a new lawyer in the prestigious, Providence-based firm of Coia & Lapore. He learned much about the law there, but more importantly, he learned the value of hard work, the need for due diligence, and the rewards that come from digging deep and finding solutions. He learned that there is much to be gained from doing the "grunt work", the behind-the-scenes work that is invaluable to a legal case but that sometimes goes unacknowledged. He learned that the best results come when justice is served, and peace of mind is restored. He learned that people matter and deserve your utmost effort.

When he set out on his own, the groundwork for a successful career in law had already been laid. His career on the Town Council began right around the time his law career and his new marriage were taking off ~ and Russo hasn't looked back since. Over time, he has learned to balance his work, both as an attorney and councilman, with his family, and this has translated into a practice that is renown both amongst the citizens of Johnston and the broader community whom he represents in their legal battles.

These legal "battles" are a huge part of his life. As a Personal Injury lawyer, he represents those who have suffered an injury; this can be from anything from the more common "slip & falls" and automobile accidents to getting the wrong prescriptions to the loss of life and limbs. While some may minimize the impact of these injuries, for those who have endured them, they can be life-changing and cause irreversible damage. Russo's job is to provide compensation to those who cannot do so on their own. This is important work. It is work that Attorney Russo puts his heart into, along with his multi-lingual office staff who share his same passion for the zealous representation of their clients. As always, they don't get paid until you do!

To learn more about Attorney Robert Russo and the many legal services he provides, visit his informative website at www. RobertRussoLawOffice.com or call for your FREE consultation at 401-777-0000. His office is located at 1011 Smith Street in Providence, across the street from LaSalle Academy.