

# SCCTLA Honors Lauren Cerri & Robert Allard as 2016 Trial Lawyers of the Year

*The Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers Association honored the two for their continued work in representing childhood sexual abuse victims.*

SAN JOSE, CA, USA, January 9, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers Association honored attorneys [Lauren Cerri](#) and [Robert Allard](#) of the San Jose, CA firm Corsiglia, McMahon and Allard for their continued work in representing [childhood sexual abuse](#) victims against a national daycare provider. Ms. Cerri was the lead attorney for the plaintiffs' legal team. The plaintiffs alleged that the defendant day care center negligently failed to protect four little girls, ranging in ages from 3 years to 8 years, from sexual abuse by a day care employee.

"Lauren is fully committed to devoting her full professional attention and focus to representing children who have been sexually abused by institutional employees, and it showed in this case," said Allard. "She willingly took the lead on this case and was able to successfully guide our legal team throughout our trial preparation and the commencement of trial, culminating with a tremendous result."

The defendant day care center refused to admit that two of kids were sexually abused while at the same time arguing that none of the children had been harmed due to the sexual abuse.

"It was only after opening statements where the children's stories were told that the defendants saw the writing on the wall and decided to fairly compensate the victims for the lifelong harm that was caused," said Ms. Cerri, adding, "the parents went forward with the lawsuit to ensure that this day care center was held responsible and to make sure that something like this would never happen again." The case settled for \$9 million.

In California, monetary settlement payments to minors are protected by the Courts. A judge must approve monetary expenditures, ensuring that settlement monies are used for the sole benefit of the minor.

This marks the second straight year that Ms. Cerri has been honored by her peers. Alongside her colleagues, Robert Allard and Mark Boskovich, Cerri was honored as a finalist for the 2015 Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC) Trial Lawyer of the Year award and the CAOC Woman Attorney of the Year award for her work in the Audrie Pott case.

Since joining the Corsiglia, McMahon & Allard legal team, Ms. Cerri has been involved in numerous high profile and difficult sexual abuse cases. She continues her commitment to helping childhood molestation victims gain justice against the institutions that employ them.



"There is no question that Lauren has the empathy, sensitivity and experience to understand the effects of sexual molestation and represent victims of childhood sexual abuse with great zeal and passion."

In addition to Cerri and Allard, the plaintiffs' legal team included attorneys Steve Estey and Ken Turek of San Diego and Laura Liccardo of San Jose.

About Corsiglia, McMahon & Allard

Corsiglia, McMahon & Allard has a national reputation and an unparalleled record of representing sex abuse victims. All three of its name partners, Bradley Corsiglia, Timothy McMahon and Robert Allard, have been named as Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers and designated as "Super Lawyers". Attorneys from CMA have won the Santa Clara County Trial Lawyer of the Year award an unprecedented 6 of the last 7 years.

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