## **Chapter One: Sexual Abuse**

Filing a sexual abuse case is traumatic and difficult. It can often bring back painful, unpleasant memories. At The Jackman Law Firm, we are, above all else, compassionate and understanding of the emotional toll this can take on you. We strive to make the legal process as painless and efficient as possible, shielding you from further abuse and trauma as you pursue justice against the people, businesses, and institutions that committed abuse against you.

When we, as your legal team, pursue sexual abuse claims on your behalf we promise to do the following for you:

## We Will Keep Communications Confidential

All communications between us are confidential and compassionate. Even during a consultation, we promise to keep all communications confidential. Given our track record of successfully getting justice for our clients, we understand that people need to feel that they are entering a safe space where they can speak freely about their circumstances.

## We Will Fight for You

We will fight for you to the very end. Over the years we have found that people who have endured sexual abuse, especially children, are incredibly brave and strong people. As your attorney, we are equally as strong and equally as determined to fight to get you justice. We will do whatever it takes, for however long it takes, to hold those accountable for the abuse you have suffered.

## We Will Treat You with Respect and Compassion

We will always treat you with respect and compassion. We understand how emotional this can be on people. We will always treat you with respect, compassion, and understanding.

#### We Are Experienced, Successful Attorneys in Sexual Abuse Cases

We have successfully litigated cases against large businesses, schools, churches, and the Boy Scouts and we have obtained tremendous outcomes for our clients. In the process of helping our clients financially, we have held wrongdoers accountable and sent a message to them that will hopefully deter future abuse.

#### There is no fee for speaking with us about your case.

We offer free, confidential consultations for your case. We are happy to meet with you at our office or your home. We do not get paid until we receive money on your behalf.

## **Chapter Two: Coach Sexual Abuse**

While most students who participate in sports receive great coaching, there are instances when a coach engages in horrendous behavior by sexual abusing his or her player. There are cases where the coach grooms his player and uses his authority to control and silence the student from speaking out on the sexual abuse.

These coaches can be Little League coaches, rec league coaches, or coaches employed by school districts and universities. Often times, the worst and most sexually abusive coaches are gymnastic coaches since they are so often in contact and so close with young girls.

#### How The Jackman Law Firm Can Help

If you or your child has been sexually abused by a coach, you have the legal right to bring a claim against the coach and the school or organization that allowed this coach into his or her position. Chances are if you or your child were sexually abused, then others were too.

The Jackman Law Firm has the experience and resources to reveal the truth and hold the coach accountable. You or your child are allowed to recover money for the emotional and physical abuse you endured. We offer free consultations for your case.

## Chapter Three: Catholic Church or Priest Sex Abuse

In recent years, the Catholic Church and the priests who are part of the church have been exposed for sexually abusing thousands of boys and girls, with boys in particular suffering at the hands of pedophile priests. The Catholic Church has had to pay out millions of dollars in damages to children and adults who have suffered this abuse.

If you or your child has suffered sexual abuse at the hands of a Catholic priest, you are allowed under state law to receive money for what you or child have endured. These cases, while difficult and emotionally draining on people and children, are extremely important in terms of effecting change within the Catholic Church. Internal documents in the church have exposed the Church's lack of awareness or ability to screen their priests and remove those priests who have a history of abuse.

#### **Time Limits to File a Claim**

Since sexual abuse claims against the Catholic church and their priests are a state issue, every state has different limits to file a claim. This is known as a statute of limitation, which means after a certain date, you are not allowed to file a claim in court. In most states, you only have two or three years from the date of the injury to bring a claim to court.

However, most states have significantly extended the time limit to bring a claim against the Catholic church for sexual abuse. In some cases, the extension has been upwards of ten or twenty years. The reason behind this is that many times sexual victims have repressed the abuse and it can be many years later, well into adulthood, before they are able to acknowledge it and talk about it.

If you or your child have been sexually abused by a priest, feel free to call The Jackman Law Firm to see if you are within the time period to file a claim.

#### How The Jackman Law Firm Can Help

If you or your child have been sexually abused by a Catholic priest, you have the legal right to bring a claim against the church for money. Depending on the nature of the abuse, you or your child could receive a lot of money for the sexual or psychological abuse you or your child have endured. The Jackman Law Firm stands ready to help you and your child. Our consultation is free.

# **Chapter Four: Boy Scout Sex Abuse**

The Boy Scouts have been an icon in America for decades. They advertise themselves as a wholesome organization that helps young boys mature into responsible men. Unfortunately, in recent years there have been many instances of abusive behavior by the Boy Scouts, in particular sexual abuse by adult male scouts against their boy scouts. Worst of all, the leadership at the Boy Scouts either knew or should have known about this sexual abuse and did nothing to stop it.

#### A History of Boy Scout Sex Abuse

The Boy Scouts of America was established in 1922. It is one of the largest youth organizations in the world, with over one million members. The Boy Scouts are broken up into various ranks as follows:

Cub scouts are those boys who are between the ages of 5-11. Scouts BSA are those boys who are between the ages of 10-18. Sea Scouts are those boys who are between 14-21.

In recent years, as more and more claims and lawsuits have been made against the Boy Scouts, the full extent of the problem involving Boy Scouts and sexual abuse has become clear. It is clear that the leadership at the Boy Scouts either knew, should have known, or done more to prevent the elder cub scouts, all of whom were adult men, from sexually abusing their scouts.

During a recent trial involving the Boy Scouts, one of the Boy Scouts' own experts admitted to being aware of over 12,500 reports of abuse.

#### Timeline to Bring a Sexual Abuse Claim Against the Boy Scouts

If you or your child have been sexually abused by a Boy Scout, then you have the legal right to file a lawsuit against them and receive money. However, there is a time limit on this. You don't have forever to bring this claim in court. Normally, you only have two or three years to bring an injury claim, which is called the Statute of Limitations.

However, sexual abuse cases are unique. The state legislatures for every state understand this, and because of that, the timeline to bring a claim against the Boy Scouts is much longer than two or three years. In some states, you have up to ten years after you or your child turns 18.

Feel free to call The Jackman Law Firm to discuss your case and whether you are within the time period to file a claim.

## How The Jackman Law Firm Can Help

If you or your child have been sexually abused by the Boy Scouts, we understand this is an incredibly difficult and emotionally sensitive subject to talk about. We are compassionate and

understanding lawyers. We have a team who can help you get the justice you or your child deserves. We will fight for you and stand by your side.

Feel free to call the Jackman Law Firm for a free consultation.

## Chapter Five: Sexual Abuse at School

In the last few years, there have been a disturbing number of news stories that focus on the inappropriate, criminal, sexual relationship between students and their teachers. While the majority of these cases involve male teachers, there have also been incidents of female teachers abusing male students. If you believe your child has been sexually or physically abused by their teacher, you can bring a claim against the school district for the damage the teacher has caused.

## Common Signs of Sexual Abuse in a Child

If your child has been sexually abused by a teacher, they may exhibit certain warning signs even if they are reluctant to talk about their abuse. In many cases, they shower or bathe frequently, show signs of depression, an unwillingness to attend school, and appear anti-social. In many cases, the teacher will send inappropriate text and picture and video messages with the student, which the parent should be able to access.

#### **Sexual Abuse at Workplace**

Sexual abuse at the workplace is unfortunately a common occurrence for many women. Women should feel safe and secure in their work environment. Unfortunately, we know from the #MeToo movement that this is not often the cases and many bosses and men who are in positions of power abuse their power. This is a form of abuse and it can have a profound impact on a woman's ability to work and thrive in the office.

#### **Common Forms of Sexual Abuse in the Workplace**

Women who have been sexually abused in the workplace can suffer from a variety of abuses that often go unreported and unnoticed by management. They include:

- Sexually suggestive talk or comments by a boss or co-worker
- Rape, groping, or sexual assault
- Sexually exploiting an employee against their will

Many times, management or bosses will allege that they didn't intend for their conduct to be construed as sexually abusive, but this is not the proper standard that the law will apply. Rather, the law asks whether a reasonable person would feel sexually abused by the employer's conduct. Having witnesses or documents or pictures of text messages can greatly help proving your case against an employer.

## **How The Jackman Law Firm Can Help**

The Jackman Law Firm has successfully litigated many cases against employers for the sexual abuse they have inflicted on their employee. We offer free consultations and a safe space to discuss your case.