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A dedication to justice and a willingness to take on any case—from personal injury to class action—helps make David Mazie of Mazie Slater Katz & Freeman one of the nation's top trial lawyers.

For David Mazie, no case is too challenging. In fact, many of his cases are against large multinational corporations. “I enjoy taking cases against large, powerful defendants and bringing justice to the little guy.”

It's that thirst for justice that has helped make Mazie one of the nation's most successful trial lawyers. His opponents know that he has no fear of going to trial, and he has an unprecedented record of wins at trial. In fact, Mazie has more eight- and nine-figure verdicts than any other New Jersey attorney.

At Mazie Slater Katz & Freeman in Roseland, Mazie maintains a diverse practice, handling personal injury cases, medical malpractice, class actions, and commercial litigation. Over the years, Mazie and his firm have won record-breaking verdicts and settlements for their clients. In 2012 alone, the firm won close to \$100 million in verdicts and settlements for their clients.

Mazie is perhaps best known for his \$135 million verdict against the Aramark Corporation, the international food and beverage distributor that sells beer at sports stadiums throughout the United States. At a New York Giants game in 1994, Aramark vendors sold beer to a visibly intoxicated man, Daniel Lanzaro. Later that day, Lanzaro caused a car accident in which 2-year-old Antonia Verni was paralyzed from the neck down.

During the course of the trial, Mazie and partner David Freeman proved that Aramark often sold alcohol to drunken fans. The jury awarded \$75 million in punitive damages and an additional \$60 million in compensatory damages to Verni's family. This still stands as the largest personal injury verdict in New Jersey history and the largest liquor liability verdict in the nation's history. As a result of Mazie's tireless efforts, the Verni family was able to afford around-the-clock nursing care for their daughter. The award also helped them purchase a home with an elevator and technology that will help their daughter navigate the house on her own. It's the kind of justice Mazie can deliver. “Antonia Verni finally got the justice she deserved,” Mazie told *The Star-Ledger*. “Hopefully, the jury's decision will make a difference in the alcohol service at stadiums across the country.”

The Aramark trial was just one of many landmark cases for which Mazie has become known. In 2012, he won the largest settlement in a product liability case in New Jersey history. The \$33.9 million settlement was awarded to a young man who was crushed under a machine at work in an accident that left him brain damaged. In 2010, Mazie secured an \$18.5 million birth injury malpractice verdict for Darius Morgan, a child born with cerebral palsy. It was the largest birth injury recovery

in the state's history. In 2009, in one of the largest oral surgery malpractice verdicts in U.S. history, Mazie won a \$12 million verdict for the family of a 21-year-old man who died 12 hours after he had his wisdom teeth removed.

Mazie's other recent victories include multiple class action suits, such as a \$38.5 million class action settlement against automakers Honda and Acura for defective air conditioners, which he handled with partner Matthew Mendelsohn. Yet another was the \$39 million class action settlement against Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield New Jersey. In the latter case, Mazie worked with partner Eric Katz to represent Clifton pediatrician Dr. John Sutter against the local insurance giant. This past February Mazie went to trial with partner Adam Slater on the first pelvic mesh trial in the country against pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson. The result was an \$11.1 million jury verdict.

Each of Mazie's cases have a running theme, “What gives me the most satisfaction is changing one of my client's lives.” Mazie stays in touch with many of his clients, such as keeping tabs on how Antonia Verni and Darius Morgan are doing in school or in their brand new homes—built with the money from their settlements and containing all of the medical equipment they require to make their lives better.

Mazie, who was selected by the *New Jersey Law Journal* as its Lawyer of the Year for 2005, has been named to Thomson Reuters' *Top 10 New Jersey Super Lawyers* list for eight of the last nine years; he has been ranked as the number one trial attorney on the *Super Lawyers* list for three of those years. He was also selected by *Best Lawyers in America* to its list as a Lawyer of the Year for 2013. This past April, The *New Jersey Law Journal* named Mazie Slater its Personal Injury Litigation Department of the Year. But success, for Mazie and the Mazie Slater firm, is defined by their undeniable victories in the courtroom and their passion for helping their clients get the justice they deserve.

The selection criteria for these awards can be found at: <http://mskf.net/awards/the-best-lawyers-in-america/>, <http://mskf.net/awards/super-lawyers/>, <http://mskf.net/awards/new-jersey-law-journal-lawyer-of-the-year/>, and <http://mskf.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/mazie-personal-injury-litigation-of-year.pdf>



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