

## Rising Star: Grant & Eisenhofer's Lisa Weinstein

*Law360 (August 10, 2018, 2:58 PM EDT)* -- Lisa Weinstein of Grant & Eisenhofer PA has collected a number of multimillion-dollar settlements in birth injury cases since the start of 2017, earning her a spot as one of three personal injury and medical malpractice attorneys under age 40 honored by Law360 as Rising Stars.

### **WHY SHE DOES MEDICAL MALPRACTICE:**

As head of the firm's birth injury practice group, Weinstein is the youngest Grant & Eisenhofer director leading a practice group, according to the firm. As the mother of three children, she says she is drawn to helping injured babies and their families obtain compensation for medical malpractice and, since last year, helped clients reach three confidential settlements ranging from millions of dollars into the tens of millions.

"It speaks to my core of helping families and children who have been provided negligent care and holding those accountable for the harm that occurred to innocent children," she said.

When a Colorado-based firm decided to expand and open an office in Chicago, she said she jumped at the chance to pursue medical negligence cases on behalf of children and their families. Fresh out of law school, Weinstein says she was trying cases just 30 days into her tenure.

"It was like, 'Aha, that's what I want to do,'" she recalls. "That's how I got into it and have been exclusively doing it ever since. We don't do any other type of medical malpractice."

### **HER PROUDEST MOMENT:**

Weinstein declined to pick any single moment as her proudest, explaining that her cases all involve catastrophic injuries suffered by

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**Lisa Weinstein**  
**Grant & Eisenhofer**

**Age:** 38

**Home base:** Chicago

**Position:** Director, head of birth injury litigation group

**Law school:** DePaul University College of Law

**First job after law school:** Personal injury associate at Kurasch & Klein Ltd.

newborns across the country.

“Any child that gets justice is the biggest case and proudest moment for me,” said Weinstein, who is licensed to practice law in five states. “I can’t pick one over the other.”

However, Weinstein said the best part of a successful case is when a life care plan becomes finalized, which means that an injured infant has secured the financial resources necessary to cover medical expenses for the rest of their life.

“There is nothing better for the child and the parents. Those are my proudest moments,” she said. “I can picture a number of them in my head. There is nothing better.”

#### **HER BIGGEST CHALLENGE:**

Again declining to point to a single case, Weinstein said the biggest challenge she faces on an everyday basis is having to turn down a birth injury case because the statute of limitations has expired.

“Unfortunately we get calls all the time from potential clients,” she said, “and the parents haven’t been provided with the information to act within their own state’s statute of limitations, or they have met with an attorney not experienced in birth injury litigation who told them they didn’t have a case or that the statute passed when it hadn’t.”

#### **ADVICE FOR YOUNGER ATTORNEYS:**

Weinstein says it would behoove young attorneys to find an area of law that speaks to them and make an all-out effort to become well-versed in that subject.

“For me, you have to know the medicine and read the literature,” she said. “You have to spend time in the courtroom, take every opportunity to watch depositions and, more importantly, take depositions.”

She also said networking is essential for a young attorney to create relationships with older and more experienced partners and colleagues, since one never knows when an opportunity to serve as co-counsel or local counsel will pop up or when that contact will turn into an opportunity for a lateral move.

“I’m a member of the Women’s Bar Association of Illinois, and we have a mentoring committee [where] we team up mentors and mentees and it’s wonderful,” she said. “Younger attorneys should do what they can to keep pushing and meet senior attorneys. Don’t harass them, but take that opportunity.”

Bar association events, she said, are great places for young attorneys to meet potential mentors. “You have no idea who you’re going to meet or sit next to — make it happen,” she said.

— As told to Y. Peter Kang

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