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**** Certified Civil Trial Attorney

Over the last decade, Robert Fuggi has become a leader in the litigation of Sexual Abuse, Institutional Sexual Abuse, Civil Rights and the #MeToo cases.

Robert R. Fuggi, Jr., Esq. has been involved in numerous high-profile cases that have received Statewide, National and International attention. Recently, Robert R. Fuggi was counsel to Plaintiffs in the highly publicized Stockton University Rape Cases. He is currently

involved with several high profile cases with the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey State Police, and the Ocean County Fire Academy. Robert Fuggi previously represented 23 Plaintiffs in one of New Jersey's largest clergy sex abuse cases in its history. Robert has been selected to the prestigious National Trial Lawyers Top 100 from 2012 to 2020. "I represent those that need a voice," he said. Robert Fuggi attempts to handle cases that other firms aren't interested in, or may be too complex. The firm, which was formed as a general practice firm, has morphed over the years into handling complex litigation, civil rights, sexual abuse and other high-profile cases. "We've had several high-profile Statewide and National cases that have received a lot of recognition. We've exposed institutional abuse extending back decades."

Robert Fuggi attended Princeton Theological Seminary where he obtained two advanced Graduate degrees an (M. Div.) Master of Divinity and a scholar's degree (Th. M.) Theological Masters and is presently pursuing a Ph.D. in Quantum Mechanics and its relation to the Incarnation. He is often approached to handle sexual abuse cases against religious organizations and other institutions. "Since I had significant trial experience coupled with a theological training, I began to represent victims of institutional sexual abuse." Early on, before the law was changed, many firms wouldn't take on these types of cases because of the complexities of the Statute of Limitations and the Tort Claim Notices. "I believed victims needed a voice and legal representation, so I began to litigate these cases." The results were surprising, I was able to successfully navigate the legal thresholds and obtain favorable results on many cases.

Robert Fuggi continues with that representation, setting the legal standard in Civil Rights, and Sexual Abuse cases. A Monsignor on the opposing side of one of these cases told me in the throngs of litigation that, "We are doing God's work," Fuggi said. By excellence and professionalism, he continues to represent clients aggressively.

I try to take more socially and morally significant cases, Fuggi said. "I've handled several cases where inmates at a County Jail in New Jersey are suffering institutional abuse, sexual abuse, some culminating, in death. Many are in need of medical care and they don't get it because their voices aren't heard. They strapped one inmate for days in a straightjacket, because he didn't take a shower and smelled. They left him in a cell, in agony, and pain, forced to defecate on himself, the inmate finally died. Another inmate wasn't provided proper medical care for a simple infection and later died. Another was sexually abused by a prison guard repeatedly. This should not happen in America today."

We didn't take these cases on for publicity, Fuggi said. We took them because it was the morally responsible thing to do. As lawyers, we're well-educated and have the wherewithal to bring forth positive societal change. We also have an obligation to help out those who are voiceless. Thankfully, we've done that very well.

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