



The **FRED BARON** *Legacy Fund*

at the Public Justice Foundation

Honoring and advancing the impact of an exceptional public interest pioneer and advocate for justice.

"I started my law practice with the idea that trial lawyers were the protectors and vindicators of the rights of individuals who had been wronged by corporate and governmental malfeasance." —Fred Baron

Across the years and till the end, Fred Baron remained true to the vision he had at the dawn of his extraordinary and too-short career as one of the country's preeminent advocates for justice.

A pioneer in asbestos litigation, Fred was spectacularly successful, fighting tirelessly for consumers, workers and others exposed to potentially lethal materials and substances like asbestos, pesticides and lead. Not only did he achieve justice for hundreds of thousands of people against well-heeled corporate defendants, but his leadership in toxic torts helped establish Baron & Budd of Dallas, Texas, as one of the largest and most successful plaintiffs' firms in the U.S. Ultimately, the firm built an international clientele, representing victims throughout the world injured and killed by a poisonous assortment of contaminants.

As a former President of the Public Justice Foundation (then the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice Foundation), Fred inspired lawyers and others to join the organization and carry out Public Justice's mission — to preserve access to America's courts and hold government and corporations accountable for their wrongdoing. He became President of the American Association for Justice (then the Association of Trial Lawyers for America), helped energize the Democratic Party and build the American Constitution Society, and never stopped litigating cases. With optimism and joy, he said, "I am the luckiest human being on the face of the earth. I get to do exactly what I want to do — help people and fight for justice."

When Fred succumbed to cancer on October 30, 2008, people and advocates nationwide mourned the loss of this dynamic and passionate champion of ordinary people facing formidable adversaries. His passing left a huge void, but his exceptional record of leadership and accomplishments advancing the public interest remain as a guidepost for the trial bar and for future generations of lawyers and citizen activists.

The Public Justice Foundation family is grateful to have been in Fred's orbit and to have been privy to his brilliant and creative mind, his buoyant enthusiasm and friendship, and his abiding, immutable commitment to justice.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM LISA BLUE-BARON

By establishing the Fred Baron Legacy Fund, Public Justice has ensured that my husband's great work and accomplishments will not only be remembered, but perpetuated, replicated and multiplied.

I am so moved by this grand gesture and am comforted to know that, because of Fred and this fund in his honor, people who are up against corporate and governmental machinery will continue to have their day in court and the opportunity for justice that our Constitution ensures.

Thank you for your friendship, your kindness, your generosity and your commitment to what Fred believed in and fought for all of his life: justice for all.

*Sincerely,
Lisa Blue-Baron*

We are proud and honored to establish the Fred Baron Legacy Fund in tribute to our remarkable friend, colleague and exemplar.

The Fred Baron Legacy Fund at the Public Justice Foundation will continue and advance Fred's public interest impact. It will give not only a voice, but real muscle, to the wronged, the poor and the powerless in the pursuit of justice – the founding principle of Public Justice.

No public interest organization in the country litigates a broader range of cases than Public Justice. We rely on clients, other attorneys, public interest groups and the media to find out where people's rights are under attack. We pour our time and resources into fending off these assaults on our fundamental rights.

Fighting for justice through precedent-setting and socially significant litigation since 1982, Public Justice is supported by – and can call upon – a nationwide network of more than 3,000 of the country's top lawyers.

By contributing to the Fred Baron Legacy Fund, you become part of an influential and distinguished public interest community devoted to sustaining the kind of work for which Fred was acclaimed. Moreover, your contribution will help ensure access to justice for people who might otherwise be out of luck because their resources are so limited or because their adversary is so large and powerful.

Help us sustain and expand the work that was so important to Fred – consumers' rights, environmental protection, workers' and victims' rights, public health and safety, access to justice, and the Constitution.

Please make your 100% tax-deductible contribution to the Fred Baron Legacy Fund at the Public Justice Foundation today.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The FRED BARON LEGACY FUND

We urge you to honor and advance Fred Baron's public interest impact by giving as generously as you can. Neither the man nor the cause could be more deserving.

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