Although Ronald J. Resmini took an indirect path to the law, he has spent more than five decades trying to right wrongs and correct injustices for his clients. He concentrates his practice in the areas of personal injury, accident and tort law. His notable cases include litigation that established the only exception to the recreational use statute, the largest verdict in Bristol County District Court history, intrauterine device litigation and the Station Fire cases.

“When I take on a case, I believe in it,” he says. “I can only argue a case that I truly believe in.”

Now proudly joined by all three of his sons at his law firm — Resmini recalls that within six months of their births he had their names placed on the door of the office — he has one career goal left: to try a case at the age of 90.

“I would love to live long enough to do it and do it well,” he says. “Someone could help me stand up and sit down, but as long as I can talk, I would do it. If I could choose my time of death, it would be at the end of my closing argument.”

The author of “Rhode Island Tort Law & Personal Injury Practice,” “Rhode Island Civil Practice and Procedure,” and “Rhode Island Actions & Remedies” (each a two-volume series), Resmini was an originator and former chairman of IOLTA as well as an originator of court-annexed arbitration.

He co-founded the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association in 1974 and was selected to the National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys, as well as a board examiner of the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

A former board member of the Providence Chapter of the American Red Cross, Resmini frequently contributes to the community.

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