

Timmins lawyer named among nation's best

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Timmins lawyer Lorenzo Girones has made quite a name for himself across Canada, handling some of the most difficult cases in the country. And now, his name sits among the best in the legal field.

A recent article, published by the National Post, and based on a survey by the Canadian Bar Association, named Girones as one of the nation's best personal injury lawyers.

Less than six months ago, he made national headlines when he took on the Bovingdon vs. Hergott case in Sault Ste. Marie and obtained the largest malpractice jury award in Canadian history. The Bovingdon family was awarded more than \$12.5 million, plus about \$300,000 in court costs.

But it isn't the most publicized cases, or even the ones that pay out the most, that make Girones the kind of lawyer he is, said Girones and Associates lawyer Cindy MacDonald.

"It's how specialized Lorenzo has become," said MacDonald. "We'll go all over, from Alberta to Newfoundland. Only a handful of law firms will do that, and we're the only ones I know of in such a small community."

In recent years, Girones took on a case of Wendy Fisher, who was determined to prove that something had happened during her daughter's birth that left her suffering from cerebral palsy, and is a spastic quadriplegic.

After years of getting nowhere, Fisher decided to call Girones and within a short period of time had her day in court — and ultimately a winning case.

MacDonald said it may not have been the biggest case, but was definitely the most challenging, with Girones putting in a lot of his own money to bring in the specialists needed.

"He's made a reputation through his hard work and dedication to invest in his clients and they know that," said MacDonald.

This was the first time the Canadian Bar Association held the survey, one that has been done for several years in the U.S. But with about 60,000 lawyers in Canada, Girones said it was a privilege to have been recognized.

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"It is a great honour to be included in the company of the best lawyers in Canada," said Girones. "I know most of them, and their knowledge and skills are a tribute to their outstanding abilities."

Choosing Canada's best was done on a peer selection basis, with lawyers voting for who they thought were deserving. But with that said, it's the people Timmins that Girones thanks first and foremost.

"The people of Timmins have given me the opportunity to become a good lawyer," Girones told The Daily Press. "I'm thrilled to have been selected, but that's not the most important part.

"To me, the most important part is to practise in Timmins and be able to represent the people here. That is the honour and privilege I am proud of."