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Results for Victims and Survivors

The Law Offices of Mitchell Garabedian has obtained millions of dollars in settlements for victims and survivors

The Law Offices of Mitchell Garabedian has an established history of successfully obtaining settlements or arbitration awards for victims and survivors who suffered sexual abuse when those victims or survivors were, for the most part, under 18 years of age. In most cases, the claims were brought when those victims or survivors were adults. Major settlements include:

- In 2002, Mitchell Garabedian obtained a $10,000,000 settlement for 86 Father Geoghan victims or survivors.
- In 2003, Mitchell Garabedian and other lawyers obtained an $85,000,000 settlement from the Archdiocese of Boston. Mitchell Garabedian represented 120 victims or survivors of the sexual abuse of more than 40 different priests.
In 2013, Mitchell Garabedian as lead counsel obtained a $12,000,000 settlement for 24 Haitian victims or survivors of the sexual abuse of Douglas Perlitz.

In 2014, Mitchell Garabedian and other lawyers obtained an $8,000,000 settlement from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, the Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular, the Diocese of Youngstown, and Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Inc. Mitchell Garabedian represented 33 victims or survivors of the sexual abuse of Brother Stephen Baker.

For decades, the Law Offices of Mitchell Garabedian has brought claims for victims of sexual abuse against the individuals alleged to have perpetrated the sexual abuse and the supervisors of those alleged perpetrators. The Law Offices of Mitchell Garabedian has successfully obtained settlements or arbitration awards for claims arising from reported sexual abuse by such individuals, some of which are listed below with their respective supervising or employing organizations listed in parentheses (the organizations and many of the individuals who settled or paid arbitration awards maintain they are not at fault):

1. Father Richard J. Ahern, C.S.S., also known as Father Richard J. Ahern, C.P.S. (Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata, also referred to as the Stigmatines; and Diocese of Springfield)
2. Father Jose Alonzo, also known as Father Jose Alonso (Diocese of Paterson)
3. Father Joseph Angeli (Archdiocese of Boston)
4. Father John T. Atwater (Archdiocese of Boston)
5. Father Ronald Atwood (Diocese of Columbus)
6. Father José Maria Bettencourt e Ávila (Diocese of Fall River)
7. Father Eugene Bailot (Archdiocese of Boston)
9. Father Robert F. Barrett (Archdiocese of Boston)
10. Father Sidney Bayers, also known as Father Sidney Bayers (Archdiocese of Boston)
11. Father Robert P. Beale (Archdiocese of Boston)
12. Father Leon F. Beauvais (Archdiocese of Boston)
13. Father Ronald Becker (Diocese of Trenton)
14. Father George C. Berthold (Archdiocese of Boston)
15. Father Joseph E. Birmingham (Archdiocese of Boston)
16. Father Paul J. Bolduc (Archdiocese of Boston)
17. Father Barry F. Bossa, S.A.C., also known as Father F. Barry Bossa (Archdiocese of Boston)
18. Father James Braley (Archdiocese of Boston)
19. Father Joseph Brennan (Diocese of Camden)
20. Father Philip C. Breton (Archdiocese of Boston)
21. Father Andrew Brizzolara, C.S. (Missionaries of St. Charles, also referred to as the Scalabrinians)
22. Father Anthony L. Buchette (Archdiocese of Boston)
23. Father Myron F. Bullock (Archdiocese of Boston)
25. Father Robert M. Burns (Archdiocese of Boston)
26. Father Ignatius M. Burrill, S.J. (Society of Jesus, Chicago-Detroit Province)
27. Father Richard Butler (Archdiocese of Boston)
28. Father Joseph F. Byrne (Archdiocese of Boston)
29. Father Alan Caparella, O.F.M. (Order of Friars Minor)
30. Father Michael J. Carew (Archdiocese of Boston)
31. Father Guido Caverzan, C.S. (Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo, also referred to as the Scalabrinians)
32. Brother John B. Chaney, C.F.C. (Congregation of Christian Brothers)
33. Father Edmund P. Charest (Archdiocese of Boston)
34. Brother Damien Chong, O.Carm. (Carmelite Fathers and Brothers)
35. Father Joseph K. Coleman (Archdiocese of Boston)
36. Father James E. Connelly (Archdiocese of Boston)
37. Father John Connor (Diocese of Pittsburgh)
38. Father John M. Cotter (Archdiocese of Boston)
39. Father Richard T. Coughlin (Archdiocese of Boston)
40. Monsignor Arthur Coyle (Archdiocese of Boston)
41. Father Edmund Croke (Archdiocese of Boston)
42. Father John P. Cronin (Diocese of Fall River)
43. Brother Eugene Cumerlato, S.X. (Xaverian Missionary Fathers)
44. Father Thomas M. Curran (Archdiocese of Boston)
45. Father Robert F. Daly (Archdiocese of Boston)
46. Sister Agnes Daniels, C.S.J. (Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph)
47. Father Glenn Davidowich (Eparchy of Passaic)
48. Brother Fidelis DeBerardinis, O.F.M. (Order of Friars Minor)
49. Father John J. Dewire (Archdiocese of Boston)
50. James D. Doherty (coach at Savio Preparatory High School) (Salesians of Don Bosco)
51. Father James Dowling, also known as Father Jude Dowling (Passionist Missionaries)
52. Father Roy Drake, S.J. (New York Society of Jesus)
54. Father John A. Dunn (Archdiocese of Boston)
55. Father Leo V. Dwyer (Archdiocese of Boston)
57. Father Frank E. Fairbairn (Archdiocese of Boston)
58. Brother Nolan Farrell (Archdiocese of Boston)
59. Father Paul J. Finegan (Archdiocese of Boston)
60. Father James J. Foley (Archdiocese of Boston)
61. Father Peter J. Frost (Archdiocese of Boston)
62. Father Robert V. Gale (Archdiocese of Boston)
63. Father Rene Gaudin, SS.CC. (Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary)
64. Father Gennaro Gentile (Archdiocese of New York)
65. Father John J. Geoghan (Archdiocese of Boston)
66. Father Robert Gibney (Archdiocese of Newark)
67. Father Randall Gillette, C.P. (Passionist Missionaries)
68. Ricardo Gonzalez, also known as Deacon Ricardo Gonzalez (Archdiocese of Boston)
69. Father Louis J. Govoni (Archdiocese of Boston)
70. Father Daniel M. Graham (Archdiocese of Boston)
71. Father John E. Guiney (Archdiocese of Boston)
72. Monsignor Arthur J. Hagan (Archdiocese of Boston)
73. Father John R. Hanlon (Archdiocese of Boston)
74. Monsignor John Harrington (Archdiocese of New York)
75. Brother William A. Hennessey, C.F.C., also known as Brother William A. Hennessy, C.F.C. (Congregation of Christian Brothers)
76. Brother A. Thomas Hewitt, C.F.C. (Congregation of Christian Brothers)
77. Paul A. Hightower, also known as Father Paul A. Hightower, a/k/a Brother Paul A. Hightower (seminarian at Cardinal O'Connell Seminary) (Archdiocese of Boston)
78. Brother Edward Anthony Holmes, SS.CC. (Archdiocese of Boston)
79. Father Paul W. Hurley (Archdiocese of Boston)
80. Father Raymond L. Hyder (Archdiocese of Boston)
81. Father Kelvin Iguabita (Archdiocese of Boston)
82. Father Vincent Inghilterra (Diocese of Trenton)
83. Brother Charles Irwin, C.F.C. (Congregation of Christian Brothers)
84. Brother Vincent Jerome, F.M.S. (The Marist Brothers)
85. Father Donald J. Joyce, O.M.I. (Oblates of Mary Immaculate, also referred to as the Oblates)
86. Father Peter S. Kanchong (Archdiocese of Boston)
87. Father Donald J. Keenan, C.P. (Passionist Missionaries)
88. William Kelleher (groundskeeper at St. Ann's Parish, West Bridgewater) (Archdiocese of Boston)
89. Father Edward T. Kelley (Archdiocese of Boston)
90. Father Edward M. Keohan (Archdiocese of Boston)
91. Father Irving F. Klister (Archdiocese of Santa Fe)
92. Father Bernard J. Lane (Archdiocese of Boston)
93. Father James H. Lane (Archdiocese of Boston)
94. Father Richard R. Lavigne (Diocese of Springfield)
95. Father Kenneth A. LeBlanc (Archdiocese of Boston)
96. Father Charles M. Loeffler, S.J. (Archdiocese of Boston)
97. Edward Lopes (sexton or custodian, Santo Christo Parish, Fall River) (Diocese of Fall River)
98. Father Robert V. Lott (Archdiocese of New York)
99. Father John P. Lyons (Archdiocese of Boston)
100. Father James L. MacGuinness (Archdiocese of Boston)
101. Father Joseph Maffei, S.D.B. (Salesians of Don Bosco)
102. Father Paul J. Mahan (Archdiocese of Boston)
103. Father Richard Mataconis, S.D.B., also known as Father Philip Mataconis, S.D.B. (Salesians of Don Bosco)
104. Father Philip Mathews (Diocese of Camden)
105. Father Richard Matte (Archdiocese of Boston)
106. Brother Julius Martin Mattingly, O.P. (Dominican Order)
107. Father Terence O. McAlinden (Diocese of Trenton)
109. Father Raymond W. McCarthy (Diocese of Fall River)
110. Father Richard J. McCormick, S.D.B., also known as Brother Richard J. McCormick, S.D.B. (Salesians of Don Bosco)
111. Father James T. McDonald (Archdiocese of Boston)
112. Father Paul E. McDonald (Archdiocese of Boston)
113. Father Joseph McInnis, also known as Father Joseph McInnis, S.J. (Archdiocese of Boston & New England Society of Jesus)
114. Father Benjamin J. McMahon (Archdiocese of Boston)
115. Father Gerard T. McMahon (Archdiocese of Boston)
117. Father Paul Moriarty (Archdiocese of Boston)
118. Father Robert H. Morrissette (Archdiocese of Boston)
119. Father Jay M. Mullin (Archdiocese of Boston)
120. Brother Thomas Mulryan (Diocese of Fall River)
121. Father David C. Murphy (Archdiocese of Boston)
122. John Murphy (teacher at Archbishop Williams High School in the 1980s) (Archdiocese of Boston)
123. Father Kenneth B. Murphy (Archdiocese of Boston)
124. Father John P. Nickas (Archdiocese of Newark)
125. Father James Nickel, SS.CC. (Diocese of Fall River)
126. Father James Nyhan (Archdiocese of Boston)
127. W. Emmett O'Brien (children’s choir director at St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury, MA) (Archdiocese of Boston)
128. Monsignor Kenneth O'Connell (Archdiocese of New York)
129. Father Rickard O'Donovan (Archdiocese of Boston)
130. Monsignor John J. O'Keefe (Archdiocese of New York)
131. Father Eugene O'Sullivan (Archdiocese of Boston)
132. Brother Timothy O'Sullivan, C.F.C. (Congregation of Christian Brothers)
133. Deacon Joseph A. Papile (Archdiocese of Boston)
134. Father Edward O. Paquette (Diocese of Fall River)
135. Father Ronald H. Paquin (Archdiocese of Boston)
136. Father Leonard E. Pelletier (Archdiocese of Boston)
137. Douglas Perlitz (former director of Project Pierre Toussaint, Cap Haitien, Haiti) (Haiti Fund, Inc., Father Paul E. Carrier, S.J., and others)
138. Brother Peter-Claver, S.C. (Brothers of the Sacred Heart)
139. Father Mario Pezzotti, s.x. (Xaverian Missionary Fathers)
140. Father Victor Phelan, M.Afr. (Society of Missionaries of Africa)
141. Father Leo E. Pollard, S.J. (New England Society of Jesus)
142. Father James R. Porter (Diocese of Fall River)
143. Father Richard Powers (Archdiocese of Boston)
144. Brother Dennis Raeihle, S.A. (Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, also referred to as the Graymoor Friars)
145. Father Henry Rancourt, S.M. (Marist Fathers)
146. Father Joseph P. Reilly (Archdiocese of Boston)
147. Father Robert J. Reiss (Archdiocese of Dubuque)
148. Brother Ricardo, C.F.X. (Xaverian Brothers, also known as Brothers of St. Francis Xavier)
149. Father James Robichaud, O.M.I. (Oblates of Mary Immaculate)
150. Father Joseph Rocha, O.P. (Dominican Order)
151. Father Sean Rooney, S.D.B. (Salesians of Don Bosco)
152. Father George J. Rosenkranz (Archdiocese of Boston)
153. Monsignor Frederick J. Ryan (Archdiocese of Boston)
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155. Father Paul P. Rynne (Archdiocese of Boston)
156. Brother Michael Salerno, S.A.C., later known as Father Michael Salerno, S.A.C. (Society of the Catholic Apostolate, also known as the Pallottine Fathers)
157. Brother Alan Scheneman, S.D.B. (Salesians of Don Bosco)
158. Father Augustus Scott, O.F.M.Conv. (Conventual Franciscans and Diocese of Camden)
159. Father Paul R. Shanley (Archdiocese of Boston)
160. Father James C. Shaughnessey (Archdiocese of Boston)
161. Monsignor Francis S. Shea (Archdiocese of Boston)
162. Monsignor William B. Shea (Archdiocese of Boston)
163. Brother George Sheehan, S.D.B. (Salesians of Don Bosco)
164. Father Edward F. Sherry (Archdiocese of Boston)
165. Father Gilbert J. Simoes (Diocese of Fall River)
166. Father Brendan Smyth, O.Praem. (Diocese of Providence)
167. Father Eugene P. Sullivan (Archdiocese of Boston)
168. Father Michael D. Sullivan (Archdiocese of Boston)
169. Father C. Melvin Surette (Archdiocese of Boston)
171. Father J. Garret Thomson, also known as Father J. Garret Thompson (Archdiocese of Boston)
172. Father Paul J. Tivnan (Archdiocese of Boston)
173. Father Louis Toma, P.S.S.C., also known as Father Louis Toma, C.S. (Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo, also referred to as the Scalabrini's)
174. Father Ernest E. Tourigney (Archdiocese of Boston)
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176. Father James J. Tully, S.X. (Xaverian Missionary Fathers)
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178. Father Robert Turnbull, O.S.A., also known as Father John Turnbull, O.S.A. (Brothers of the Order of Hermits of St. Augustine, also referred to as the Augustinians)
179. Father James P. Vallely (Diocese of Portland)
180. Father Joseph P. Veneto (Archdiocese of Boston)
181. Brother John Voglio, S.D.B. (Salesians of Don Bosco)
182. Father Leonard Walsh, O.F.M. (Franciscan Friars – Holy Name Province)
183. Father Martin Walsh (Archdiocese of Boston)
184. Father William M. Walsh (Archdiocese of Boston)
185. Father Robert A. Ward (Archdiocese of Boston)
186. Father Joseph Welsh (Archdiocese of Boston)
187. Brother Paul White, O.F.M.Cap. (Capuchin Friars Minor)

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Important Deadline Approaching!

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Deadline of November 1, 2017!

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The Story of Mitchell Garabedian's Fight for Compensation for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Mitchell Garabedian is an attorney specializing in sexual abuse cases. He has become an internationally recognized advocate on the topic. Attorney Garabedian became widely known for his representation of victims or survivors of Roman Catholic Church clergy sexual abuse in the 1990's and 2000's.