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December 10, 2020 marks an important milestone for Kelley Kronenberg Justice for Kids Business Unit Leader <u>Howard Talenfeld</u>. Exactly 40 years ago today he was sworn-in as an admitted attorney in Florida, although he had no idea where his future would take him.

In 1988, Howard had the opportunity to represent the state of Florida and fight for the right of the state to improve its child welfare, delinquency and disability systems by defending Governors Bob Martinez and Lawton Chiles in class action lawsuits. Inspired by his younger sister, Bess, who was born developmentally disabled, Howard's personal passion for helping these vulnerable citizens has led to statewide and national reforms.

Additionally, he served as lead counsel in a Broward foster care class action that almost tripled the county's child welfare budget. He was also instrumental in the creation and reauthorization of the Children's Services Council of Broward County.

Howard, who is widely recognized as a top child advocate personal injury attorney, inspired the passage of Florida and national legislation protecting the rights of foster children, and obtained judicial decisions which are precedential in protecting the rights of foster children and disabled children. He has won multi-million dollar damage awards and judgments for injured and disabled children, so they have the resources to live and obtain treatment.

According to Howard, "my proudest professional accomplishments are the establishment of Florida's Children First, which is the voice for Florida's at-risk children, and now the creation of the Justice for Kids Division at Kelley Kronenberg." At the beginning of 2020, Howard and his entire team at Talenfeld Law joined forces with Kelley Kronenberg and The JG Firm to create the Justice for Kids Division, one of the largest practices in the U.S. devoted solely to protecting abused, disabled and catastrophically injured children.

Learn more about Howard and Justice for Kids at justiceforkids.com.