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Abstract Title: *Spring Break: A True Story of Hope and Determination*

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Abstract (not more than 300 words)

This program is presented by an Attorney from the U.S.A., who is a partner at one of the leading law firms in America. His law practice is devoted entirely to representing victims who sustained traumatic neurological disorders. He has worked on thousands of cases and provides insight on the remarkable power of rehabilitation.

He will discuss the powerful impact comprehensive rehabilitation has on patients who sustained neurological disorders. The specific case featured involves the true story of an "All American" college student who, while on vacation, was walking and struck by a drunk driver's vehicle traveling at over 80 kmph (50 mph). His parents were asked to consent to his organ donation due to the CT Scans revealing their son's severe brain damage (T.B.I.), for which there is no cure. The family declined to consent to organ donation and instead got a room in the hospital to be with their son 24/7.

The audience will witness powerful before and after photographs of this student. The "after" photographs depict the student in a coma and on full life-support. The program educates the audience about neurological disorders through an attorney from the perspective of the survivor and their family, while also providing them with needed tools to help them in their own professional and personal capacities.

Traumatic brain injury is the silent epidemic of our time. Despite the tens of millions who sustain a T.B.I. every year, very few medical professionals, employers, educators and people understand the reality of what the survivor and family experience. The most effective way to get an understanding of traumatic brain injury and how to deal with it is directly from the perspective of a survivor. Steven Benvenisti, Esq., has presented this program on TV, through the news media and to hundreds of audiences worldwide.

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Four key words or phrases in alphabetical order, separated by commas
Brain damage, Rehabilitation, Survivor TBI

Professional Biography (100-150 words)

Steven Benvenisti, Esq. earned his *Juris Doctorate* in Law at the age of 25 from Bridgeport University after graduating with High Honors from college. He is a Partner at Davis, Saperstein & Salomon P.C., one of the leading law firms in the U.S.A. His practice is devoted to representing individuals who sustained traumatic neurological disorders.

He has been named by the National (U.S.A.) Trial Lawyers as the *Top 100 Trial Lawyers*.

He is the President of the “Brain Injury Alliance of NJ” and on the Board of Directors of “Mothers Against Drunk Driving.”

He has been an international keynote speaker at hundreds of Neurology, Rehabilitation and Educational Conferences. All honorariums are donated to charities.

Authored *Spring Break: A True Story of Hope and Determination*, regarding a severely brain injured college student who received long-term inpatient, outpatient care and rehabilitation.

Awards:

USA Senate Official Proclamation
USA Congressional Citation
USA House of Representatives Special Congressional Recognition
Citizen of the Year
20+ other awards for legal and charitable accomplishments.



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