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Attorney Fred Levin Donates Millions Toward Cancer Research

BOSTON, MA – Award-winning attorney and philanthropist Fredric G. Levin was honored by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for his \$2 million donation to further cancer research. The generous gift will establish the Fredric G. Levin Endowment in Translational Cancer Research and support the Presidential Initiatives Fund through the Pan-Mass Challenge, a bike-a-thon that raises millions of dollars each year for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Mr. Levin and his son, attorney Martin Levin, attended the commemoration celebration in Boston on November 13, along with Levin Papantonio attorney Virginia Buchanan. Other distinguished guests included President of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Dr. Laurie Glimcher, and two of the physicians treating Mr. Levin, Dr. Raphael Bueno, Chief of the Division of Thoracic Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Dr. David Kozono, a Dana-Farber radiation oncologist who specializes in the treatment of lung cancer.

"As a result of two great institutions getting together with two great doctors I'm still here," said Mr. Levin.

This gift makes for a total of \$4 million in donations Mr. Levin has contributed to the institutions where he was treated for lung cancer. Mr. Levin was diagnosed with lung cancer in January 2016, and his tumor was surgically removed at Brigham and Women's Hospital several months later. In 2017, Mr. Levin donated \$2 million to Brigham and Women's for the establishment of the Fredric G. Levin Distinguished Chair in Thoracic Surgery and Lung Cancer Research. As of the present time, Mr. Levin is cancer-free.



From left to right: Attorney Virginia Buchanan, Dr. Raphael Bueno, MD, Attorney Fred Levin

Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston is affiliated with Harvard Medical School and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Mr. Levin's most recent \$2 million donation will go toward research at Dana-Farber.

"This fund will exist in perpetuity and its distribution will support the central tenant of the approach of Dana-Farber to cancer treatment and that is accelerating discoveries in the laboratory into therapies for our patients," said Dr. Glimcher, President of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. "We can do that at Dana-Farber because of the very close relationship with our researchers, with our clinicians, and our surgeons."

Dr. Kozono's career goal is to improve treatment for patients through clinical investigation and research. He also spoke at Mr. Levin's commemoration, thanking him for his generous contribution that will go toward finding new ways to assist patients.

"The generous support provided by Fred and his family will catalyze our research to understand the differences in how patients respond to treatment," Dr. Kozono said. "I'm particularly excited that one day a single tube of blood may give us all the answers that we need to identify the best treatment for each individual patient. A reliable blood test can go a long way. Fred's kind support will assure that we have the resources to sustain the collection of these indispensable samples and kick start our efforts to profile these samples so they can go towards answering these questions."



Attorney Fred Levin speaking at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute commemoration dinner in Boston, Ma, on November 13, 2019.

Mr. Levin was also honored with a plaque that will be placed at Dana-Farber in the name of his late wife, Marilyn Kapner Levin. The Levin family has long supported the Pan-Mass Challenge bike-a-thon, a popular sporting event that has drawn tens of thousands of cyclists to the New England area for forty years. To date, the Pan-Mass Challenge has raised more than \$700 million, all of which have gone to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event's founder and executive director, Billy Starr, was also at Mr. Levin's commemoration to express his gratitude.

One aspect of Mr. Levin's donations to Brigham and Women's and Dana-Farber is the creation of an annual lung cancer conference to be held for ten years in Mr. Levin's hometown of Pensacola. In the past two years, hundreds of local doctors, nurses,

students, and patients attended the Fredric G. Levin Cancer Symposium, where the top lung cancer physicians and researchers with Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Harvard Medical School come to Pensacola and share their discoveries. The next conference is scheduled for April 2 - 3, 2020 in Pensacola.

Mr. Levin has a long history of generosity, especially in the Northwest Florida community. Among his many other community contributions, Mr. Levin donated his \$8M "Timeless Tanglewood" estate to the University of West Florida, in honor of his late friend and former law partner, Florida's 37th Governor Reubin O'D. Askew. He gave \$1M for the Institute of Human and Machine Cognition's new Levin Center for IHMC Research, another \$500,000 for Downtown Pensacola's YMCA facility, and hundreds of thousands of dollars to Gulf Coast Kid's Home and Sacred Heart Hospital's Miracle Camp.



Attorneys Fred and Martin Levin at commemoration dinner.

About Fred Levin

Fred Levin is one of the most successful trial attorneys in the country. He has received more than twenty-five jury verdicts in excess of \$1,000,000 (six in excess of \$10,000,000). He is a member of the Inner Circle of Advocates and has been listed in every edition of the publication "Best Lawyers in America." In 2015, Mr. Levin was named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the National Trial Lawyers. In 2012, he was selected as a trustee for the Florida Democratic Party. In 2009, Mr. Levin was inducted into the Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame by the American Trial Lawyers Association. In 1994, he received the "Perry Nichols Award," the highest honor bestowed by the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers. He also fathered the idea to rewrite the Florida Medicaid Third Party Recovery Act in 1993, which permitted the State of Florida to sue the Tobacco Industry to recover expenditures for treating illnesses caused by cigarette smoking. The Fredric G. Levin College of Law at the University of Florida is named for him after he donated \$10 million to the school in 1999.

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