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At the [Ankin Law Offices](#), practicing law is a family affair. For over a decade now, [Howard Ankin](#) has been defending the rights of personal injury and workers' compensation clients with his father and law partner, [Paul Ankin](#).

In fact, Paul's relentless work on behalf of his clients is what inspired Howard to become a lawyer, as explained in this recent [Chicago Daily Law Bulletin](#) article:

Howard Ankin recalled that as a child he toted his father's briefcase and watched him at work in Daley Center courtrooms.

"There was no question that I was going to become a lawyer, said Howard, 42, of Ankin Law Offices in Chicago.

About a decade ago, Howard and his father, Paul, worked on a personal-injury case together. Howard suggested to his father that they bring in a co-counsel to work on the case.

"My father told me there was nothing doing," Howard said. "I was going to handle the case; we were partners together."

At the final pretrial, the case settled for \$2.6 million, he said.

"My father has always made sure to foster my growth as a lawyer and to make sure our law practice was to be a success."



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In addition to the law, Howard and his father share another interest as well: toy soldiers. Right around the time that Howard starting carrying his father's briefcase, he became interested in Paul's toy soldier collection.

Howard describes the start of his life-long hobby in another recent [Chicago Law Bulletin article](#):

One of [Howard H. Ankin's](#) earliest memories, from age 4, is the toy soldiers that he got from his father.

They were "dime-store lead soldiers" from the 1930s, '40s and '50s that his father, Paul, began buying for the son in the 1960s while [Paul B. Ankin](#) was in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corp at the base at Presidio in San Francisco.

After that, collecting toy soldiers "became an activity I did with my dad," Howard Ankin said.

"I would go with my dad and go to an antique show. This collection gave me something to look for. ... I was going in because I was looking to see if they had soldiers."

When he was 4, Howard Ankin had 10 to 15 toy soldiers. "By age 10, I had maybe 50. When I graduated from high school, a couple hundred."

Today, Howard said he has hundreds, perhaps a few thousand. The father and son still collect toy soldiers and other figurines.

Not surprisingly, Howard and Paul's shared hobby helps foster a strong relationship between father and son. This life-long bond and their shared passion for fighting for the rights of their clients is one of the many things that makes Ankin Law Offices stand out from other [Chicago personal injury law firms](#).

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