

FAVORABLE VERDICT

Ohio - Pelini, Campbell & Ricard, LLC

Craig Pelini of the Ohio-based Pelini, Campbell & Ricard, LLC, firm obtained a verdict in favor of his client, a Catholic priest, after claims of sexual abuse, assault, battery and infliction of emotional distress were heard in the Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio, Court of Common Pleas.

The now adult/then minor made claims that inappropriate conduct and abuse took place in the 2008 to 2011 timeframe, these claims were the subject of a report in 2018 that resulted in an investigation by the Diocese of Youngstown, the Child Protective Services Agency and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

After a three-day trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the priest on all claims. This case was pending for four years, before the jury was empaneled and found these issues in favor of a Catholic priest, who should soon be returned from administrative leave.

Certainly, these claims are becoming more widespread as allegations of improper priest abuse grow. It was a just ending to a very long piece of civil litigation and jury trial in Youngstown, Ohio.

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