



## Brian Guralnick, J.D.

Brian's mother passed away from a misdiagnosed melanoma in 1997 at the early age of 69 after a three-year battle with this debilitating disease. Initially surfacing on the bottom of her foot as a callus that would not heal; it was misdiagnosed as a bacterial problem or a fungus. During three subsequent exams, she was told not to be concerned. Brian's mother did not see another physician until a year later when her wound became so large and painful that she could no longer walk on her foot comfortably. She was never advised to get a biopsy nor advised to see a dermatologist. This horrible tragedy is why Brian is so passionate about the RDK Melanoma Foundation and dedicated to furthering the mission of education about this deadly disease.

Brian's passion for helping people with medical injuries extends to his business practice, wherein he founded the Brian D. Guralnick Injury Lawyers in 1998. Since that time, Brian has successfully led a team of lawyers, case managers, and legal assistants in their efforts to help fully evaluate the injuries and damages sustained by victims of negligence, such as those received by individuals in catastrophic car and trucking accidents. Brian

is a semi native of Florida since he moved to the state to begin college at the University of Florida, in Gainesville, in 1985. Thereafter, Brian received his law degree from Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1992. Upon his graduation, he has been living and practicing law in West Palm Beach, Florida. Brian has been actively involved and taken leadership positions in the legal community, as well as other local civic and charitable organizations.

### **Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation**

**Our Mission:** The mission of the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation is to save lives through education about the prevention and early detection of skin cancer, especially melanoma.

**Our Vision:** The Foundation's vision is *"to educate children throughout the country and give them the skills necessary to make healthy sun safety choices throughout their lives."* As the Foundation grows we will continue to advocate for school districts throughout the country to require sun safety education as part of their curriculum.

**The Overview of the Foundation:** The Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation was started in 1995 after Richard Kann died at age 44 of a late detected melanoma. Family and friends formed an organization to help the local and national community prevent and detect skin cancer early.

The Melanoma Foundation is one of the first organizations in the country that has been on the cutting edge of skin cancer preventive education and the only organization in Florida. After extensive review of health education literature, the Foundation selected the successful SunSmart curricula from Australia on which to base its many programs and adapt to local educational standards and environment. The Foundation utilizes SunSmart America™ for grades K-12.

The Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation has educated hundreds of thousands of students, families, staff, and communities, to make critical sun safe choices for healthy lives. We have presented in public and private schools, community groups, professional associations, and businesses, in Palm Beach County and throughout the state of Florida.

Melanoma and other skin cancers are almost 100% preventable and curable if detected and treated early. The Foundation's goal is to educate the public so that no other family suffers a loss of a loved one from skin cancer.

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