



Howard H. Steel Lecture
***Active Listening as a Therapeutic Modality:
Lessons Learned from Lived Experiences***
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Joel Feldman is a trial lawyer from Philadelphia who for thirty years has represented those suffering life-altering injuries or the family members of those who have been killed. He is pursuing a Master's in counseling at Villanova University and, following the death of his 21 year old daughter Casey by a distracted driver, has experienced loss first hand and has a much changed perspective on loss.

He currently interns in a hospice, providing grief counseling to dying patients and their family members, speaks to groups about loss and how to improve the dialogue of loss, provides support to parents who have lost children and speaks to students and community groups about the dangers of distracted driving using the public service video Mr Feldman produced for the US Dept of Transportation with his family and daughter's friends. The PSA can be viewed at <http://fastlane.dot.gov/2011/02/faces-of-distracted-driving-casey-feldman-21-listen-to-caseys-story-share-it-and-commit-to-driving-s.html>

Mr Feldman's blog about his personal experience of loss can be found at <http://tragicloss.blogspot.com/>