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The most difficult and yet rewarding part of trial attorney Joel Magolnick's career came when he was representing victims of sexual abuse at the hands of priests. "It was very personal for these guys to open up and talk about abuse," said Magolnick, who says most of the victims were between the ages of 11 and 14 at the time of the abuse. "You had grown men breaking down." Magolnick says when he worked on those cases in 2004, most of which settled for around \$150,000, part of the difficulty was that the Archdiocese blamed the victims and had a hard time even admitting there was a problem. Magolnick says that in part because of these types of lawsuits, the Church handles these issues differently now. Magolnick joined his current firm, de la O, Marko, Magolnick, and Leyton over a year ago but he's been a lawyer for 18 years. Currently his firm represents 60 people in the United States in a class action against Bausch and Lomb which charges that their product ReNu with MoistureLoc caused infections and severe injuries. A case like that, he says, requires you to become a detective, learning about all aspects of a case. "You have to enjoy what you are doing," said Magolnick. "When you get a good result for somebody it makes it all worthwhile." Magolnick has lived in Key Biscayne with his wife since 1990. They have three children, two of which attend St. Agnes. He says he loves the close-knit atmosphere of the island. His indulgence is being able to give his family whatever they need. "I'm a very simple boy from New York and the fact that I live in this beautiful area here, Key Biscayne, that is the luxury I enjoy," said Magolnick, who grew up in Long Island.