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Education:

Detroit College of Law, Juris Doctor – 1991

Michigan State University, Bachelor of Arts – 1988

Detroit Catholic Central High School – 1984

Licensure:

State of Michigan (1991)

Admitted to Practice Law:

Michigan State and Federal Courts



Employment:

I have been in practice with Rutledge, Manion, Rabaut, Terry & Thomas P.C. since 1991 and a Partner since 1999. In addition to practicing law, I have been the Personnel Director since 2001.

Peer Review:

AV (highest) rating for professional and ethical standards by Martindale Hubbell
Named a "Top Lawyer" by *dbusiness* Magazine 2009

Organizations:

Michigan State Bar Association, Association of Defense Trial Counsel, Irish Lawyers Association, and Shamrock Bar Association

Legal Career Overview:

I have over 18 years experience in all phases of litigation involving hundreds of cases from start, through discovery up to trial. I have had more than 20 jury trials in the past 10 years. My practice is focused on personal injury defense including significant experience in the following areas:

- Medical Malpractice (Vascular Surgeons, Neurosurgeons, Orthopedic Surgeons, General Surgeons, Cardiologists, Neurologists, Emergency Room Specialists, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Occupational Medicine, Pediatrics, Podiatry and Plastic Surgery)
- Dental Malpractice (General Dentistry, Endodontics, Periodontics, Oral Surgery and Orthodontics)
- Nursing Home Liability
- Premises Liability
- Employment related cases on behalf of employers and employees
- Toxic Torts
- General Negligence

Additional Areas of Practice:

- Dram Shop / Liquor Liability
- Landlord Tenant
- Commercial Litigation
- Professional Liability
- Para Professional Liability (Home Health Care Aides, Nurses Aides, Social Workers, Medical Technicians)

Risk Avoidance:

Lecture and consult frequently on risk avoidance issues to individual physicians and large practice groups.

Trial Experience:

I have an excellent record of successfully presenting complicated issues of law and medicine to juries in a straight forward relatable manner.

Jury Trial Overview (last five years):

Miller vs. General Dentist – Claim of negligence during the administration of anesthetic causing permanent nerve damage. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

Chectcuti vs. Orthopedic Surgeon – Claim of negligent treatment of wrist fracture causing permanent disability. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

Novak vs. Urgent Care Physician – Claim of negligent treatment of neck abscess causing massive swelling and airway obstruction. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

Rimes vs. General Dentist – Claim of excessive force during root canal therapy causing permanent injury to TMJ. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

Tate vs. Emergency Room Physician – Claim of negligent treatment of ischemic leg resulting in an above the knee amputation. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

LaGest vs. Family Practice Physician – Claim of failure to diagnose ruptured esophagus. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

Oullette vs. General Dentist – Claim of negligent treatment of post extraction infection. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

Parham vs. Vascular Surgeon – Claim of negligent treatment of ischemic leg resulting in an above the knee amputation. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

King vs. General Surgeon – Claim of negligent pre – operative work up for esophagectomy resulting in death. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

Ross vs. Pediatrician – Claim of failure to diagnose a tethered spinal cord resulting in bladder incontinence and leg deformity. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

Kohn vs. Orthopedic Surgeon - Claim of negligence in post operative treatment of foot surgery. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

Brevik vs. Restaurant – Claim of poor lighting causing trip and fall and wrist fracture. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

Brinker vs. Emergency Room Physician – Claim of failure to diagnose aortic dissection resulting in death. RESULT: Verdict for the defense

REFERENCES:

References are available upon request. Please ask - most of my business comes from referrals.