

## THOMAS HUGH BLASKE

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**Admitted to practice before all State & Federal Courts in Michigan and Ohio.**

### WORK EXPERIENCE

***Blaske & Blaske, P.L.C., Ann Arbor & Naubinway, MI, May 1989 – Present***

Partner in a small, statewide firm specializing in legal and medical malpractice, and complex personal injury cases. An emphasis is placed on oral and written negotiation and advocacy skills. Occasionally serve as expert in areas involving ethics, lawyer client relationships and the law of trials. Also frequently serve as settlement facilitator, arbitrator and/or special mediator for complex personal injury cases involving catastrophic injury. **Tier 1 ranking of Best Law Firms in America. Best of Business Award for Place to Work. Law Firm 500 Award.**

***Bishop & Shelton, Ann Arbor, MI, March 1979 – April 1989***

Partner specializing in trial advocacy. Involved in all types of complex litigation, with heavy emphasis on legal and medical malpractice and governmental lawsuits. Represented various public employees' labor groups and unions.

***O'Brien, Moran & Dimond, Attorneys, Ann Arbor, MI, February 1977 – February 1979***

Attorney in five-person, general law firm with emphasis on trial and appellate courtroom advocacy and counseling. Also assisted on Ford Foundation-funded project book on equalization of providing local governmental services.

***Blaske & Blaske, Attorneys, Battle Creek, MI, November 1976 – February 1977***

Part-time legal research, drafting.

***Davies, Biggs, Strayer, Stoel & Boley, Attorneys, Portland, OR, June 1975 – August 1975***

Summer law clerk, with duties including legal research, drafting pleadings, memoranda and trial briefs, general correspondence and fact-gathering conferences with clients.

***Blaske & Blaske, Attorneys, Battle Creek, MI, May – August, 1974, 1973 and 1972***

Summer law clerk, with duties including legal research, drafting, pleading, memoranda and trial briefs, personal injury investigation, abstract of title examinations and drafting deeds, preparation of accountings and proofs for Probate Court, general correspondence and fact-

gathering conferences with clients.

## **EDUCATIONAL & OTHER BACKGROUND**

### ***University of Michigan Law School***

J.D. Magna Cum Laude, May 1976

### ***University of Michigan Honors College***

B.A. “with highest honors”, August 1973

Major: History, concentration in American History

Minor: English language and literature

### ***University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform***

Staff Member

### ***University of Michigan History Department***

Teaching Assistant

Graded, lectured, and counseled for graduate and undergraduate courses in English and American Constitutional History

## **Published essays on Hemingway and Shakespeare**

## **Publishes numerous poems (under a pseudonym) in New Yorker magazine**

**Recorded (as featured artist) “Three Poems by Walt Whitman,” by Paul Fetler, part of American Classics series by Naxos Recordings – Received consideration for classical music Grammy Award.**

## **HONORS**

### **Million Dollar Advocates Forum**

**2017 Attorney of the Year**, Corporate Vision Magazine

**2018 Top Rated Litigator**, *The American Lawyer* magazine

**Fellow**, Litigation Counsel of America (Trial Lawyer Honorary Society)

**Top 100 Attorneys in Michigan**, *New York Times* Listing

**Nation’s Top One Percent**, National Association of Distinguished Counsel

**Top 500 Law Firms in America** (based on balance sheet analysis)

**Trial Masters**, The Seal of Experience

A+ Rating by Better Business Bureau

**Outstanding Attorney Award**, Washtenaw Trial Lawyers Association

**“10 Best” Attorneys in Michigan**, (American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys) nominated by clients and fellow attorneys

**Leading Lawyers** (rating by 32,000 other Michigan lawyers), recommended in professional malpractice, personal injury and ADR

**Highest Possible Rating In Both Legal Ability & Ethical Standards**, *Ratings by Judiciary*, for Martindale Hubbell

**Best Lawyers In America**, every year since 1995: **Legal Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs**

Fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation

**Super Lawyers**, listed in Professional Negligence and Legal Malpractice

**Lifetime Achievement Award**, America's Top 100 LLC (Listing of America's Best Lawyers

**Top American Lawyers**, honoring fewer than 1% of all American Lawyers

**Legal Leader: Litigation**, *The American Lawyer*, *National Law Journal* and *Corporate Counsel*

**The Best Lawyers in Metro Detroit**, listed by *dbusiness*, Detroit's Premier Business Journal

**Distinguished Justice Advocates**, (less than 1/2 of 1% of all lawyers invited to join) 2017 - 2018

**America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators**, 2018

**National Academy of Jurisprudence**, recognizing premier representation of clients

**Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Michigan**, The American Trial Lawyers Association

**Best Law Firms of America**, selected group of firms around country

**Top 10 Attorney Award (2017 & 2018)**, State of Michigan, National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys

2011 - 2019 *US News Best Law Firms* in America

2010 - 2019 *US News Best Lawyers* in professional negligence matters

Listed in **The Best Lawyers in America** (for more than 40 years)

Listed in **Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers**, Martindale Hubbell

**Top Lawyer** recognition by **The American Lawyer**

**Tier One** law firm ranking by **Best Lawyers In America** 2010 - 2019

**Top 1/2 of 1%**, **Distinguished Justice Advocates** (invited as Charter Member)

**Lawyer Monthly Legal Awards**,

**Medical Malpractice and Negligence Lawyer of the Year** (Nominee)

**Trial Masters**, Seal of Excellence 2018

**"10 Best High Verdict & Settlement Personal Injury Attorneys,"** American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys 2018

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

**Medical Malpractice Trial Lawyers Association Top 25**, National Trial Lawyers 2017

**Michigan Top Lawyer**, 2016

**Award of Excellence**, US Institute of Trade & Commerce, 2019

Peritum Attorneys, recognizing **40 Years of Successful Law Practice**

**Legal Leaders: Midwest**

**Ones to Watch in Law 2017**, AI Global Media

**The Legal Elite**, Corporate America (awarded for "incredible results" and "commitment and passion in the industry")

**Top Lawyer**, listed in *Crain's Detroit Business*

**Partner of the Year**, 2016 by *Corporate Vision Magazine*

**American Leadership Award**, 2017 - American Enterprise Institute

**Lawyers of Distinction**, (recognized by CNN and the *New York Times* as among Top 10% of All Lawyers in America)

Listed in **2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)

**AV Preeminent Rating in Both Legal Ability & Ethical Standards**, The American Registry

**America's Most Honored Professionals**, The American Registry (2018)

International Society of Primerus Law Firms

**Top 50 Consumer Attorneys**, selected by *dBUSINESS*

Only attorney selected by *Michigan Super Lawyers* for listing in category of professional negligence

Selected **Best Attorneys In America** ("Limited to Top 100 Attorneys in Each State"), Rue Ratings Member, **Trial Law Institute**

Fellow, **Roscoe Pound Institute**

Nominated for **North American Excellence Awards**, 2017  
Most **Outstanding Teacher Award**, Trial Advocacy Foundation of Pennsylvania  
Listed in **The Best Lawyers in Metro Detroit** by Crain's Detroit Business  
Member, **Medical Malpractice Trial Lawyers Association**  
**Winner. Best of Business Award** for places to work, Small Business Community Association  
Invited Participant, **Professionalism In Action** Program  
Ones to Watch - **2018's Best Legal Services**, *Acquisition International Magazine*  
**2018 Professional Negligence Lawyer of the Year** - *Finance Monthly USA*  
Listed in International Who's Who of Professionals  
**Top Lawyer in Michigan**, The Legal Network, 2015 & 2016 & 2017 & 2018  
**Who's Who** in American Law  
**Leading Adviser**, Acquisition International Leading Advisers, 2014 - 2107  
Who's Who in Healthcare  
Voted **Maestro** by Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra in Pursuit of the Podium  
**America's Most Honored Professionals**, 2015 - 2018  
Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals - "**Honors Edition**"  
**Member**, American Inns of Court  
Guest Chef at Escoffier Restaurant  
Special Honors by Heifer Project International Founder's Society  
Listed in PremierLawyersDirectory.com  
Listed in **America's Most Honored Professionals** (public registry of professional excellence)  
Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals Throughout the World  
Award for the most outstanding undergraduate history writing, 1973  
Honors Convocation at the University of Michigan Law School (3 years)  
**Highest score nationally on LSAT examination**  
Honors Convocation at the University of Michigan (4 years)  
Phi Eta Sigma Scholastic Honorary Fraternity  
Branstrom Freshman Prize, University of Michigan  
Regents, Alumni Honorary Scholarship  
National Merit Scholarship Finalist  
**Eagle Scout**, Boy Scouts of America  
Silver Beaver Award for Outstanding Service to the Community of Youth, Boy Scouts of America

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### ***Currently:***

Appeals Committee, USA Boxing, an affiliate of the United States Olympic Committee  
Fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation  
Fellow, Roscoe Pound Foundation  
Judge, Henry M. Campbell Moot Court Competition, University of Michigan Law School  
Judge, Client Counseling Competition, University of Michigan Law School  
Judge, Case Club Oral Arguments, University of Michigan Law School  
Founding Member, National Campaign for Tolerance  
Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (Trial Lawyer Honorary Society)  
Member, CPAN (Coalition Protecting Auto No Fault)  
Speech Writer, Michigan Gubernatorial Campaign  
Commercial Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association

**Founder and Board of Directors, Institute for the Study of Professional Risk**

Member, Litigation Advisory Group, Institute of Continuing Legal Education

Member, **Access to Justice Steering Committee**, State Bar of Michigan

Member, **Master Lawyer Section**, State Bar of Michigan

Member, American College of Legal Medicine

Member, National Advocates Society

Member, **Southern Poverty Law Center**

Member, **Medical Malpractice Trial Lawyers Association**

Supporting Member, American Civil Liberties Union

Member, **Coalition of Victims' Attorneys and Consultants, National Victim Center**

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, James Publishing

Member, **American College of Trial Advocates**

Member, Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers

Advocates Guild of Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society

**Board of Advisors, Best Lawyers in America**

**Co-Founder and Member, Michigan Association of Professional Responsibility Practitioners**

Co-Chair, Litigation Advisory Committee, National Hemophilia Foundation

Professional Advisory Team, Ann Arbor Area Foundation

Member, **Scribes (The American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects)**

Member, National Lawyers Association

Member, American Bar Association – Litigation Section

Member, American Bar Association - Select Committee on Trial Evidence

Member, American Bar Association - Professional Officers and Directors Liability Committee

Member, Michigan Bar Association – Negligence and Economics of Law Practice Sections

Member, American College of Law and Medicine

Member, American Association for Justice

Member, Michigan Association for Justice

Member, American Trial Lawyers Association

Member, Pine River Bar Association

Member, Washtenaw Trial Lawyers Association

Member, Washtenaw County Bar Association

Discussion Leader, **State Bar of Michigan Professionalism In Action Program,**

**University of Michigan Law School**

Member, Judiciary Committee, Washtenaw County Bar Association

Member, American Society of Law and Medicine

Member, Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America

Advisory Panel, American Bar Association

State Bar of Michigan, **Pro Bono Circle of Excellence**

Member, International Society for Burn Injuries

Member, Michigan Head Injury Alliance

Member, Aquatic Injury Group, American Trial Lawyers Association

Member, Vaccine Injury Group, American Trial Lawyers Association

Guest Speaker and Mock Trial Judge – University of Michigan Law School,

University of Detroit Law School, Detroit College of Law, Wayne State University Law School

Guest Speaker – Annual Meeting State Bar of Michigan

Guest Speaker – Washtenaw County Medical Society

Guest Speaker – SEAK, Inc. National Seminars

Guest Speaker, Course Leader and Course Planner – Institute of Continuing Legal Education

***Formerly:***

Grader and Proctor, Michigan Board of Law Examiners (arm of Michigan Supreme Court which oversees admissions to the Michigan Bar) – proctoring, devising scoring standards for and grading bar examinations)

Member, Model Civil Jury Instruction Committee –  
unanimously appointed by Michigan Supreme Court

Head Coach, University of Michigan Mock Trial Advocacy Team – 1998 Big 10 and National Champions

Assistant Coach, University of Michigan Law School Appellate Advocacy Team – 1998 National Semifinalist

Co-Chair, Medicolegal Problems Committee, Michigan Bar Association

Chair, Malpractice Avoidance Committee, Law Practice Economics Section, Michigan Bar Association

Member, Select Committee on Civil Procedure, Michigan Bar Association

Member, Lawyers' Professional Liability Insurance Committee, Michigan Bar Association

Member, Select Committee on Establishing a Law Practice, Michigan Bar Association

Executive Board Member, Washtenaw County Bar Association

Chair, Trial Practice Section, Washtenaw County Bar Association

Editor, Washtenaw Trial Lawyers' Association Newsletter

Member, Professional Development Task Force, Michigan Bar Association

Member, Tort Law Review Committee, Michigan Bar Association

Member, American Trial Lawyers Association

Member, Michigan Trial Lawyers Association

President, Carnegie Woods Property Owners' Association

Member, Legal Assistant Advisory Committee, Eastern Michigan University

Member, Judiciary Committee, Washtenaw County Bar Association

Member, New Legislation Evaluation Committee, Michigan Trial Lawyers Association

Member, Medical Malpractice Advisory Committee, Michigan Trial lawyers Association

**PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

1. “Developing Forms for the Law Office”, Washtenaw Legal Secretaries Association.
2. Michigan Basic Trial Practice Handbook, “Motion Practice”, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1981).
3. “Legal Malpractice Aspects of No Fault”, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1983).
4. Handling the Automobile Negligence Case: A Systems Approach, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1983).
5. “Gathering the Facts”, Automobile Negligence Litigation, Institute of Continuing Legal Education Seminar (1983).
6. “Motion Practice”, Michigan Basic Skills '83, Institute of Continuing Legal Education Seminar (1983).
7. “Legal Malpractice Aspects of No Fault”, No Fault Accident Report Update '83, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1984).
8. “Civil Procedure Before Trial”, Michigan Basic Skills '84, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1984).

9. "Representing Victims of Crimes in Tort Cases", Michigan Trial Lawyers' Association (1984).
10. "Proving Damages in a Wrongful Death Case", Damages, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1985).
11. "Plaintiffs Mediation Practice", Mediation and Arbitration, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1985).
12. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1985).
13. "Settlement Devices Under the New Court Rules," Civil Procedure Before Trial, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1985).
14. Wrongful Death: Forms and Procedures Under the New Law, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1986).
15. Tort Reform Legislation in Michigan, DTR Associates, (1986).
16. Michigan Basic Practice Series, "Civil Procedure", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1986).
17. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1987).
18. "Objections to Evidence", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1987).
19. "1986 Tort Reform Legislation – A Summary", Michigan Bar Journal (March, 1987).
20. "Legal Malpractice Aspects of No Fault", No Fault Update '87, Institute of Continuing Education (1987).
21. Editor, Washtenaw Trial Lawyers' Association Newsletter (January, 1982 – July, 1987).
22. Monthly Columnist, Res Ipsa Loquitor (Journal of Washtenaw County Bar Association) (1989 - 1992).
23. "Cross Examination", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1988).
24. "Michigan Judgments After Tort Reform", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1988).
25. "Third Party Auto Litigation", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1988).
26. "Legal Malpractice Aspects of No Fault", Michigan Trial Lawyers Association (1988).
27. "Legal Malpractice in Litigation Practice", UAW Legal Services Plan (1988).
28. "Compensatory Damages – What, When, How", National Business Institute (1989).
29. "Expert Witnesses", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1989).
30. "Legal Malpractice Aspects of No Fault Practice", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1990).
31. "1990 Tort Law Update", State Bar of Michigan (1990).
32. "Satisfying the No Fault Verbal Threshold", Trial Advocacy Foundation of Pennsylvania (1990).
33. "Opening Statements", chapter of The Ultimate Trial Notebook, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1990).
34. "Negotiation", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1991).
35. "Common Problems in Handling No Fault Claims", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1991).
36. "Negotiation of Plaintiff's Tort Cases", State Bar of Michigan, part of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education course on Negotiation (1991).
37. "1991 Tort Law Update", State Bar of Michigan (1991).
38. "Mediation: An Overview", Washtenaw County Bar Association (1992).
39. "1992 Tort Law Update", State Bar of Michigan (1992).
40. "The Art (and Science) of Cross Examination", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1992).
41. "Legal Malpractice Aspects of Handling a Closed-Head Injury Case", Michigan Head Injury

- Alliance (1993).
42. "Legal Malpractice – Some Thoughts on Law Practice, Life and Other Things That Matter", Washtenaw County Bar Association (1993).
  43. "Deposition Skills Workshop – Course Materials", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1993).
  44. "Legal Malpractice – The Perspective of a Plaintiff's Attorney", Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (MDTC) (1993).
  45. "1993 Tort Law Update", State Bar of Michigan (1993).
  46. "Opening Statements", chapter of The Ultimate Trial Notebook, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1993).
  47. "Hiring a Lawyer to Handle a Closed Head Injury Case", chapter of The Closed Head Injury Case, National Head Injury Foundation (1993).
  48. "Michigan Law of Depositions", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1994).
  49. "Expert Witnesses and the New Medical Malpractice Act", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1994).
  50. "Legal Malpractice and Bankruptcy Practice", Western District of Michigan Federal Bar Association (1994).
  51. "Ethical and Legal Malpractice Problems I See in Lawyers' Handling and Mishandling of No Fault Claims", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1994).
  52. "Michigan Law of Depositions", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1995).
  53. "Intangible (Hedonic) Damages in Michigan", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1995).
  54. "Cross Examination of a Neuropsychologist", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1995).
  55. "Legal Ethics and Legal Malpractice: A Beauty and a Beast In Search of Each Other", Michigan Bar Journal (February, 1995; Volume 74, No. 2).
  56. "Legal Malpractice – The Perspective of a Michigan Plaintiff's Attorney", Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) (1995).
  57. "Ethics and Advocacy", Reflections in Trial (ATLA, 1995).
  58. "The Art of Cross Examination", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1995).
  59. "Michigan Law of Depositions (*with occasional notes and incidents of use, abuse and misuse*)", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1996).
  60. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1996).
  61. "Plaintiff's Final Argument", chapter of The Ultimate Trial Notebook, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1996).
  62. "Michigan Law of Depositions", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1997).
  63. "Expanding the Scope of Economic Damages", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1997).
  64. "Motion and Discovery Practice", Foundations of Michigan Law Practice 1997, Editor, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1997).
  65. "Jury Persuasion: Convincing the Jury", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1997).
  66. "Ethics, Advocacy and Real Life", paper given at 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Advocacy Institute, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1997).
  67. "Avoiding Legal Malpractice & Grievances – Some Thoughts on Law Practice and Life, But Not Necessarily in That Order", Washtenaw County Bar Association (1997).
  68. "The Internet For Litigators, or My 21 Years In A Quandary and How I Began To Find My Way Out Of It", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1997).
  69. "Summary Motion Practice Techniques – Five Key Questions and More Than a Hundred Answers for a Busy Practitioner", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1998). Selected



- by ICLE as among its most outstanding offerings, and also selected for the debut of ICLE's web site outline purchase program.
70. "Case Selection at the Millennium – Cartoonists Look at Deselecting The Trouble", Washtenaw Trial Lawyers' Association (1998).
  71. "Motion and Discovery Practice", Foundations of Michigan Law Practice 1998, *Editor*, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1998).
  72. "The Internet For Plaintiff's Lawyers", Michigan Trial Lawyers Association (1998).
  73. "Ethics, Lawyer Jokes and the Adversary System", Laches, Oakland County Bar Association (1998).
  74. "Repatee: A Response to the New York Times", NLA Review, National Lawyers Association (1999).
  75. "Jury Behavior – Why They Do What They Do", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1999).
  76. "Legal Malpractice and Bankruptcy Practice", Western District of Michigan Federal Bar Association, Bankruptcy Practice Section (1999).
  77. "Premises Liability – Issues in Liability for Plaintiffs", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1999).
  78. "Premises Liability – Finding and Preserving the Evidence", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1999).
  79. "Ethics for Legal Support Professionals, Or Things Your Mother Never Taught You", Washtenaw County Association of Legal Support Professionals (1999).
  80. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", (Chapter supplement and update) Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1999).
  81. "Plaintiffs' Final Argument", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (1999).
  82. "Introducing Evidence", Wayne County Corporation Counsel (1999).
  83. "Motion and Discovery Practice", Foundations of Michigan Law Practice 2000, *Editor*, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2000).
  84. "Preparing Your Client For Your Opponent's Medical Examination", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2000).
  85. "Motion and Discovery Practice", Foundations of Michigan Law Practice 2000, *Editor*, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2000).
  86. "Professionalism – Ethics – Real Life – Avoiding Legal Malpractice and Grievances", Cincinnati Bar Association (2001).
  87. "Evidence at Depositions and Motions, With Notes on Foundations and Motions in Limine", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2001).
  88. "Motion and Discovery Practice", Foundations of Michigan Law Practice, *Editor*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2001).
  89. "Practical Skills for New Lawyers: *The Premises Liability Case*," Editor & Author, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2001).
  90. "Practical Skills for New Lawyers: *The Automobile Negligence Case*," Editor & Author, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2001).
  91. "Professionalism", Co-Author, Cincinnati Bar Association (2001).
  92. "Motion and Discovery Practice", Foundations of Michigan Law Practice 2002, *Editor*, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2002).
  93. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", (Chapter supplement and update) Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2002).
  94. "Negotiations – Art, Not Science, Subtle, Not Complex, \$ Not Trials," Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2002).

95. "Advanced Negotiation Techniques That Work in Mediation," South Carolina Continuing Legal Education (2002).
96. "Motion Practice," Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2002).
97. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", (Chapter supplement and update) Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2003).
98. "Final Argument," Ultimate Trial Notebook, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2003).
99. "How To Kits: How to Argue a Motion Effectively," Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2003).
100. "Legal Malpractice Aspects of Handling A No Fault Case," Michigan Trial Lawyers Association (2003).
101. "Biography & Me: A Trial Lawyer's Views of What and Why," SKT Enterprises (2003).
102. "Pleadings, and How To Use Them Effectively: For Every Action There Is An Equal and Opposite Criticism," Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2003).
103. "Mastering Deposition Skills," SEAK, Inc. National Seminar For Medical Experts (2003).
104. "Cross Examination: Bending But Not Breaking," SEAK, Inc. National Seminar For Medical Experts (2003).
105. "Writing and Defending Your Report," SEAK, Inc. National Seminar For Medical Experts (2003).
106. "Pleasing the Client: What Attorneys Are Really Looking For From Expert Medical Witnesses," SEAK, Inc. National Seminar For Medical Experts (2003).
107. "Direct Examination: Winning Over the Jury," SEAK, Inc. National Seminar For Medical Experts (2003).
108. "How To Become A Dangerous Medical Expert," SEAK, Inc. National Seminar For Medical Experts (2003).
109. "Ethical Dilemmas," SEAK, Inc. National Seminar For Medical Experts (2003).
110. "History of Modern Damages Law, With Special Notes on Medical Malpractice Damages," Washtenaw County Bar Association & Washtenaw County Medical Society (2003).
111. "Civil Depositions and Pretrial Motions," Editor, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2004).
112. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", (Chapter supplement and update) Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2004).
113. "Legal Malpractice Update for 2004," Co-Author, Oakland County Bar Association (2004).
114. "It's a Lot Like Love - Evidence at Depositions and Motions, With Notes on Foundations and Motions in Limine", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2005).
115. "What I Have Learned In 30 Years of Law Practice - 50 Lessons About Law, Life, Love and Lucre", Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2005).
116. "Overview: Purposes of the Rocket Docket Rule," Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2005).
117. "The Great Divide: Fact-Based Versus Law-Based Motions in Trial Courts," Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2005).
118. "Avoiding Legal Malpractice Claims, Grievances and Other Annoyances," Washtenaw County Bar Association (2006).
119. "Final Argument," Ultimate Trial Notebook, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2006).
120. "Pleadings and How to Use Them Effectively," Litigation Boot Camp, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2006).
121. "Difficult Conversations With Clients," Ethics 2006, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2006).
122. "What I Know about Negotiations," Genesee County Bar Association (2007).
123. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", (Chapter), Institute of Continuing Legal

- Education (2007).
124. "Practical Problems In Evidence," Michigan State University Law School (2007).
  125. "Plaintiffs' Legal Malpractice Lawyers Reveal All," American Bar Association National Legal Malpractice Conference (2007).
  126. "The Art (& Science) of Cross Examination: Gleanings from the Wisdom & Wit of Yogi Berra," Michigan State University Law School (2007).
  127. "Ethics In Litigation - Hypotheticals," Ethics 2007, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2007).
  128. "Foundations - Good Evidence Law Is Good Advocacy," Michigan State University Law School (2007).
  129. "MRE 703 & Expert Testimony," Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2008).
  130. "Attorney Fees & Fee Agreements," Ethics 2008, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2008).
  131. "Top 10 Tips For Oral Argument," Genessee County Bar Association Inns of Court (2009).
  132. "Releases, Settlement Agreements & Other Things That Go Bump In The Night," Michigan Association for Justice (2009).
  133. "Introduction to the Use of Experts and Current Michigan Law," Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2009).
  134. "Pleadings and How to Use Them Effectively," Litigation Boot Camp I, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2009).
  135. "Hard Times and Happy Endings: Firing Your Clients Without Getting Burned," Ethics 2009, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2009).
  136. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", (Chapter supplement and update) Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2010).
  137. "Plaintiffs' Perspectives in Medical Malpractice," GME Scholars Program, University of Michigan Medical Center (2010).
  138. "Malpractice Insurance: What You Need to Know . . . (And what I wish I had known when I started in law practice.) . . . With a bonus 4-part test, beginning with an improbable question about a giraffe." Ethics 2010, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2010).
  139. "Settlement Negotiations: Maxims and Proverbs," Detroit Lawyer (November/December, 2010).
  140. "Plaintiffs' Perspectives in Medical Malpractice," GME Scholars Program, University of Michigan Medical Center (2011).
  141. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", (Chapter supplement and update) Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2011).
  142. "Starting Your Own Firm - Ethically: What You Need to Know," Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2011).
  143. "Plaintiffs' Perspectives in Medical Malpractice," GME Scholars Program, University of Michigan Medical Center (2012).
  144. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", (Chapter supplement and update) Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2012).
  145. "Avoiding Malpractice & Best Practices – No Fault," Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2012).
  146. "How To Put A Giraffe Into a Refrigerator," State Bar of Michigan Professionalism In Action Program, University of Michigan Law School (2013).
  147. "Plaintiffs' Perspectives in Medical Malpractice Fact and Law and Practice and Politics," GME Scholars Program, University of Michigan Medical Center (2013)
  148. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", (Chapter supplement and update) Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2013).

149. "Starting Your Own Firm - Ethically: Top Ten Tips," Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2013).
150. "Plaintiffs' Perspectives in Medical Malpractice Fact and Law and Practice and Medical Politics and the Business of Medicine," GME Scholars Program, University of Michigan Medical Center (2014).
151. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", (Chapter supplement and update) Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2014).
152. "Don't Be A Defendant: Top Risk Management Issues In A Plaintiffs' Practice Including Some Thoughts on Law Practice and Life, But Not Necessarily In That Order," Michigan Association of Justice (2014).
153. "Understanding Malpractice Insurance," ICLE Top Tips, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2014).
154. "Re-Think Your Fee Agreements, OR The Straight Dope On Scope," *Res Ipsa* - Washtenaw Bar Association (2015).
155. Michigan Basic Skills Handbook, "Motion Practice", (Chapter supplement and update) Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2015).
156. "A Plaintiff's Attorney's View," Presentation to Committee of Visitors to University of Michigan Hospital from National University Health System and National University Hospital, Singapore (2105).
157. "Handling Motions for Summary Disposition," Institute of Continuing Legal Education, (2016).
158. "My Personal Testament of Ethics," *Res Ipsa Loquitor*, Washtenaw Bar Association (November 2016).
159. "Moral Relativity in the Age of Acceleration," *Res Ipsa Loquitor*, Washtenaw Bar Association (January, 2017).
160. "Ethics & Civility Problems in Litigation," The Centennial American Inns of Court (2017).

## LECTURING/TEACHING

Statewide courses (average of 8-10 per year), and some nationwide courses, at which I have presented papers and lectured in following subjects:

- Trial Advocacy
- Legal Malpractice
- Legal Ethics
- Law of Attorneys and Clients
- Medical Malpractice
- Law of Trials
- Civil Procedure
- Automobile Negligence
- Motion Practice
- Damages
- Jury Behavior
- Representation of Crime Victims in Tort
- Wrongful Death Damages
- Mediation Practice

Discovery  
Settlement Negotiation

University of Michigan Law School  
Institute of Continuing Legal Education  
University of Detroit Law School  
Michigan Association for Justice  
Michigan Head Injury Alliance  
Michigan Defense Trial Counsel  
Cincinnati Bar Association  
Michigan Trial Lawyers Association  
Ohio Defense Trial Counsel  
Upper Michigan Legal Institute  
National Institute of Trial Advocacy  
SEAK, Inc. National Seminar For Medical Experts  
Annual Meeting of the State Bar of Michigan

#### **OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

##### ***Currently:***

President and Member Board of Directors, Carnegie Woods Property Owners' Association  
Concertmaster Circle, Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra  
Member of Trustee's Society and Emeritus Committee, Washtenaw Community College  
Foundation  
Board of Directors, Blaske-Hill Scholarship Foundation  
Board of Directors, Elbel Club, University of Michigan Bands  
Minister, First Nation Church  
Officiant, American Council of Wedding Officiants  
Benefactor, University Musical Society, University of Michigan  
Member, John Monteith Society, University of Michigan  
Member, President's Club, University of Michigan  
Member, Victor's Club, University of Michigan  
Member, Trout Unlimited  
Member, Ann Arbor Wine and Food Society  
Member, Baker Street Irregulars  
Member, Original Michigan Fiddlers Association  
Member, Michigan Audubon Society  
Member, University of Michigan Band Alumni

##### ***Formerly:***

Vice President, Executive Board and Executive Committee Member, Washtenaw Community  
College Foundation  
Board of Trustees Counsel and Vice President for Finance, Wolverine Council, Boy Scouts of  
America, Inc.  
Member, Executive Board, Executive Committee, Endowment Committee and Personnel  
Committee, Greater Sauk Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc.  
Commissioner, Ann Arbor Historic District Commission  
Board of Directors, Hemophilia Society of Michigan, Inc.

Board of Directors and Chair of Development Committee, Spaulding for Children, Inc.  
Board of Directors, Saline Area Players  
Vice President, Grand Council of Trigon Fraternity  
Member, Historical Society of Michigan  
Member, National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Finance Committee, numerous Democratic candidates for local political office  
Campaign Manager 1968, 1970 and 1972 for George W. Toeller, successful candidate for Calhoun  
County Board of Commissioners  
Volunteer, Dexter Ann Arbor Run  
Three-Year tutor for the University of Michigan Opportunity Awards Program  
Board of Directors and Three-Year Member University of Michigan Student Governors  
Member, Campbell Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity  
Rush Chairman, Chaplain and Three-Year Member of Trigon Fraternity  
Four-Year Member, University of Michigan Marching Band

### **OTHER PERSONAL INTERESTS**

History and lore of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Flat Coated Retrievers, gourmet cooking (especially for charity), Fishing, Sherlock Holmes, farmers' markets, legal and constitutional history, oenology, history of the University of Michigan, Intercollegiate Athletics, Native American Artifacts, Walt Whitman's poetry, Robert Traver, Major League baseball, creative and historical writing, classical & country & bluegrass & jazz music, law of antique auctions, life size (and other) bronze sculpture, collecting and reading great books, woodsmanship, cheese, making a wildlife sanctuary, American art and lithography violin scratching, history and lore of Key West, Florida, Community Supported Agriculture, flower gardening, culinary history, gastronomy and antique tableware, glass and pottery collecting.

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