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(stories from the Detroit legal scene, past and present)

Legal Specialties

Auto negligence, No-Fault, Premises Liability, General Negligence,
Litigation and ADR.

Experience

Bernstein & Bernstein-plaintiff personal injury litigation 1990-2015.
Landry, Mazzeo & Dembinski-defense personal injury litigation 2015-
present.
Neutral Case Evaluator: Wayne County.
Mediator: 2003-present.

Memberships

Michigan Association for Justice.
Michigan Defense Trial Counsel.
Detroit Bar Association.
Catholic Lawyers Society of Detroit-past Board Member and President
Detroit Catholic Central Alumni Board of Directors.
Shamrock Bar Association-Board Member and past President.
State Bar of Michigan Litigation Section-Board Member, past President.

Articles and Presentations

Numerous articles published in Michigan Lawyers Weekly, Detroit Legal News, and Observer Newspapers. Profiled in Detroit Free Press, January 30, 2014.

I have made presentations to the Michigan Association for Justice on Premises Liability Law, and to clients regarding the new Michigan No-Fault Law.

I have served as a speaker and emcee at many legal, Catholic and athletic banquets and events, including many years as the emcee of the annual Judge Kaye Tertzag Purple Sport Coat Dinner.

Mediation Procedures

There are no charges for administrative set-up, or for cancellations.

Hourly rate of \$250 per hour, divided among the parties.

Summaries preferred 3 days before hearing.

Counsel and parties to be present at the hearing, unless otherwise agreed among the parties

My office has many conference rooms for multiple party cases.

I will contact the trial judge if continuing mediation will affect upcoming court dates.

Assuming party availability, hearings can be scheduled quickly.