

DOUGLAS E. FIERBERG, Esq.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

BODE & GRENIER, LLP, Washington, D.C., May 2002 - Present, Partner

Catastrophic Personal Injury and Wrongful Death: Originating and lead counsel in cases involving catastrophic injury or wrongful death on full range of tort issues, including premises and product liability, automobile claims, civil rights, sexual assault, and invasion of privacy. Nationwide practice focusing on litigation at universities, high schools, and other institutional settings, including cases arising in Tennessee, Virginia, Texas, Mississippi, California, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Maryland, Ohio, Colorado and Michigan. This litigation has been featured on ABC 20/20 (multiple times), CBS 48 Hours, other national news broadcasts, The Legal Times, and Trial Magazine. Featured expert on John McGlaughlin's production, One-On-One, Fox TV, and Kweisi Mfume's production, The Bottom Line (WBAL-TV). Quoted on school violence and related topics in The New York Times, USA Today, The Christian Science Monitor, Sports Illustrated and other print and on-line publications. Retained lecturer on school violence or risk-management at universities, high schools, school districts, and academic advisory groups, including Wake Forest University, Middlebury College, and many others. Developed and control websites to market practice nationally, www.schoolinjurylaw.com, www.victimrightsllaw.com, www.hazingllaw.com. Publications include: Student Victims: Strategies and Issues for Successful Civil Litigation, (American Association for Justice, 2007 Annual Convention, Education Program); Student Victims: An Overview of the Problem, Civil Litigation, and Related Proceedings, (National Student Legal Services Association, 2005 Conference); The Greek Industry: Strategies for Litigating Claims Involving Serious Injury, Death, Hazing, and Alcohol Misuse, (ATLA, 2005 National Convention, Education Program); Fraternity Litigation: A Basic Primer on the Status of Violence, Injury, Death, Alcohol Misuse, and Litigation Involving the Fraternity Industry, (ATLA, 2004 National Convention, Litigation at Sunrise); Victim Advocate, Representing Victims of Hazing and Other Group Violence on Campus, (Vol. 3, No. 2, Fall, 2001); Synthesis: Law and Policy in Higher Education, (Vol. 10, No. 3, Winter, 1999); and, The School Administrator: Hazing Prevention Deserves Attention, Too (Vol. 57, No. 9, October 2000). 2005 jury verdicts: \$301,250, *Bradbury v. Kendrick* (Circuit Court, Worchester Cty., Md)(invasion of privacy); \$550,000, *Jacqueline "R" v. District of Columbia* (U.S. District Court, D.C.)(camp negligence).

Commercial Counseling and Litigation: Serve as general and litigation counsel to national and local businesses and trade associations in several different industries, including mortgage lending, real estate financing, viatical and life settlements, titanium manufacturing and products, and professional personnel placement. Counsel clients on, and/or successfully litigated, wide-range of business and labor matters involving employment, stockholder, anti-trust, commercial lease, business insurance, promissory notes, insurance coverage and transactions, business services, commercial leasing, testamentary documents, licensing and other financial issues. Counsel to many of the Washington area's largest neighborhood/civic associations, as well as numerous political Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. Representative cases: *Dyer v. William S. Bergman & Associates*, 657 A.2d 1132 (D.C. 1995); *North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Ass'n v. Alcoholic Beverage Control Bd.*, 727 A.2d 873 (D.C. 1999); *Oliver T. Carr v. Rose*, 701 A.2d 1065 (D.C. 1997).

SHERMAN, MEEHAN, CURTIN & AIN, P.C., Washington, D.C., 1988 to May, 2002, Partner

Began as associate upon graduation from law school and advanced to partner in general practice firm specializing in commercial transactions and litigation, real estate, estate planning, administration and litigation, personal injury, and family law. Received advanced training at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and conducted or participated in numerous bench, jury, and arbitration trials for commercial and serious personal injury matters.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Founder and Chair: Schools: Violence, Misconduct, and Safety (Association of Trial Lawyers of America, "ATLA"). Approval was sought and obtained from ATLA in 2004 for formal recognition of this national litigation group. The group's first Education Program was conducted at the July, 2005 Conference in Toronto, Canada.

President (2003-2004): National Advisory Board of the National Crime Victim Bar Association ("NCVBA"). NCVBA is comprised of lawyers and other professionals across the country who advocate for the rights of victims of crime, particularly with respect to victims' rights to utilize the civil justice system to seek compensation. Current member.

Other: *Member*, Maryland State and District of Columbia Bar Associations; *Member*, American and District of Columbia Trial Lawyers Associations; *Co-Founder and Member*, Campus Victim Litigation Project, Security on Campus; *Member*, Executive Advisory Board, The Gordie Foundation.

EDUCATION

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, NATIONAL LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C.

J.D. *with Honors*, 1988. Class rank: Approx. top 15%.

Member, George Washington Journal of International Law and Economics

Member, Moot Court Board

Clerkships, Michigan State Appellate Defender Office; Natural Resources Defense Council

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor, Michigan

B.A., Psychology, *Class Honors*, 1981.

PERSONAL

Born, 1959 (Detroit, MI). Married with two daughters.

References, client and further practice information available upon request.