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My Practice

PLAINTIFF'S PERSONAL INJURY & WRONGFUL DEATH -
Dram Shop/Bar, Drug and Medical Device Litigation, Fraud and
Commercial Torts, Government Liability, Insurance and Bad
Faith, Legal and Other Professional Liability, Medical
Malpractice, Motor Vehicle/Motorcycle/Commercial Trucking
Collisions, Negligence, Nursing Home/Elder Abuse, Products
Liability

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

With a legal career in personal injury and wrongful death that spans over 35 years, Bob is tireless in his dedication and resolve to seek justice for each and every one of his clients. From the very first meeting with any prospective client, Bob's easygoing manner engenders trust because he is naturally compassionate, sincere and possesses a unique ability to understand and communicate with clients from all walks of life. This same direct, common-sense approach has proven to be extremely effective in cases that are ultimately heard by juries.

Recently, in 2019, in a trial in May in Tucson, Arizona, Bob represented the mother of a 20-year-old man that died while detoxing at Sierra Tucson, a drug rehab facility. Sierra Tucson denied fault for her son's death, and only offered \$350,000 to settle the case. The jury returned a verdict for \$5 million for Bob's client. **See the story of Bob Boatman's hospital negligence case.** Additionally, in September, Bob tried a case in Payson Arizona for a young man injured while riding a motorcycle on a dirt road. He collided with a pickup truck being driven by the local fire captain. The defendant denied fault, and his insurance company, State Farm, only offered \$20,000 to settle the case. The Jury returned a verdict of \$500,000 for Bob's client.

Bob is known by his clients and professional colleagues alike to be a man who is deeply connected to his clients and their causes. For Bob, client relationships don't often end as a case concludes, especially when an outcome presents an opportunity to affect social change. Bob successfully compelled two major automotive manufacturers to admit their vehicles were defective, yielding a recall to fix the defect in over 500,000 vehicles, which was a significant win for his client and the consumer at large.

Bob has been recognized as a Best Lawyer by the *Best Lawyers of America* since 2006. He has received the Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, and continues as a *Southwest Super Lawyer* from 2007 to the present. Bob was invited to join the International Society of Barristers in 2017.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Product Liability Cases

- Co-lead counsel for *In re Bard IVC* multi-district litigation for thousands of consumers injured or killed by defective blood clot filters (2015-2017)
- Co-lead counsel on \$55,000,000+ claim for multiple deaths due to defective bus design. (2009-2011)

- Designation as co-lead counsel for all Arizona plaintiffs and settlement of claims exceeding \$20,000,000 in the Arizona Ford/Firestone litigation. (2001-2002)
- \$17,000,000 jury verdict against General Motors for a death caused by a defective transmission. (1999)
- \$9,900,000 for wrongful death due to vehicle defect. (2012)
- \$4,700,000 for defective fire suppression system. (2020)
- \$4,500,000 for defective seat back. (2018)
- \$4,250,000 for paralysis from tread separation and rollover. (2013)
- \$3,000,000 for paralysis from golf car rollover. (2018)
- \$2,700,000 for wrongful death due to tread separation and rollover. (2006)
- \$2,150,000 settlement for burns due to defective trailer hitch. (2006)
- \$2,050,000 for wrongful death due to tread separation and rollover. (2012)
- \$1,500,000 for wrongful death due to tread separation. (2005)
- \$1,500,000 settlement for woman injured by experimental drug. (2004)
- \$1,500,000 to the parents of an unborn baby due to food poisoning. (2000)
- \$1,215,000 settlement re vehicle defect. (2017)
- \$1,000,000 for wrongful death due to a tire issue. (2007)
- \$750,000 for defective engine shutoff. (2019)
- \$700,000 for wrongful death due to tread separation. (2009)
- \$595,000 for injuries due to faulty medical implant. (2011)
- \$499,000 for wrongful death due to fuel tank failure. (2008)
- \$400,000 for wrongful death due to tread separation. (2009)
- Member of the team that obtained confidential settlements against Ford Motor Company for serious burn injuries that resulted from the defective design of fuel systems in police cars. (2004)
- Confidential settlement for the family of a young man who suffocated in a sleeping bag. (2003)

Contract

- \$14,990,661.24 award for breach of contract by hospital to doctors. (2011)
- Return of multi-million dollar medical practice. (2012)

Professional Medical Malpractice

- \$8,000,000 settlement against one of the country's largest law firms for legal malpractice. (1998)
- \$5,000,000 jury verdict to mother for negligent death of son in rehab hospital. (2019)
- \$4,325,000 to a woman injured due to medical negligence of a hospital. (2018)
- \$950,000 for medical malpractice of family doctor. (2020)
- \$860,000 for medical negligence during neck surgery. (2020)
- \$500,000 insurance broker malpractice. (2018)

Mental Health Malpractice

- \$8,000,000 settlement for failure to provide mental healthcare, resulting in death of two boys. (2009)

Premises Liability

- \$1,325,000 death due to an unsafe swimming pool. (2018)
- \$1,000,000 for fall in home. (2018)
- \$700,000 for child drowning. (2020)
- \$250,000 for torn Achilles tendon. (2009)
- \$150,000 for fractured hip. (2012)
- \$120,000 for trip and fall. (2008)

Governmental Misconduct

- \$4,470,000 settlement against city and state for failure to install a traffic signal. (2006)
- \$1,000,000 settlement against U.S. Forest Service for failure to post sign warning of road closure. (2011)
- Confidential settlement with county for failure to keep horses off road. (2006)
- Confidential multi-million dollar settlement for the family of a woman killed by a police officer. (2003)

Murder

- \$400,000 settlement for wrongful death of wife by husband. (2005)

Motorcycle Accidents

- \$4,500,000 to a man suffering a head injury. (1997)
- \$2,500,000 for motorcycle/truck accident. (2018)
- \$1,900,000 to a man who was run over by an 18-wheeler. (2003)
- \$900,000 to a man with a broken leg. (2004)
- \$500,000 verdict for a broken back. (2019)
- \$400,000 to a man who broke his wrist. (2001)
- \$250,000 to an adolescent with a broken leg. (2007)
- \$100,000 for a knee injury. (2006)

Construction Accidents/Defects

- \$1,050,000 for the death of a trucker when a load of pipes fell on him. (2002)
- \$300,000 settlement for the death of a worker when a sign collapsed. (2003)
- \$110,000 settlement for the victim of a crane loading mishap. (2004)

Motor Vehicle Accidents

- Settlements in excess of \$100,000,000 for numerous motor vehicle accidents.
- \$5,900,000 for couple injured in intersection collision. (2020)
- \$4,800,000 for pedestrian/bus accident. (2010)
- \$3,000,000 for brain injury. (2018)
- \$2,000,000 for wrongful death. (2018)
- \$2,000,000 for multiple injuries. (2019)
- \$1,400,000 for wrongful death. (2012)
- \$1,000,000 to wife for husband negligent driving. (2020)
- \$990,000 for brain injury. (2012)
- \$550,000 for multiple fractures. (2018)
- \$500,000 jury verdict for serious bodily injury. (2019)
- \$500,000 for broken leg. (2011)
- \$250,000 for post-traumatic stress syndrome. (2011)

Trucking Accidents

- \$2,525,000 for multiple fractures. (2010)
- \$2,500,000 for death in a motorcycle/truck accident. (2017)
- \$1,150,000 for truck accident and death. (2018)
- \$1,000,000 for death in a bicycle/truck accident. (2017)

Bad Faith

- Confidential settlements with major insurers for bad faith handling of insureds' claims.

Nursing Home Abuse

- \$1,850,000 settlement for murder of man in nursing home. (2020)
- \$1,800,000 for nursing home abuse. (2020)
- \$1,200,000 settlement for bedsores, infection and death. (2008)
- \$925,000 settlement for elder abuse. (2017)
- \$750,000 settlement for pressure sores. (2005)
- \$535,000 settlement for bed sore infection and death. (2012)
- \$375,000 for bedsore infection and death. (2010)

Dram Shop

- \$1,000,000 for serving drunk driver. (2018)
- \$730,000 settlement for serving drunk driver. (2011)

EDUCATION

Arizona State University

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1984
Order of the Coif
Editor, Law Review

Stanford University
B.A., 1981

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Arizona, 1984
- California, 1985
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 1984
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, 1991
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 1992
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, 1993
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia, 2017

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Arizona , Member, 1984-Present
- State Bar of California , Member, 1985-Present
- Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, Member, 1997-Present
- International Society of Barristers, North American Fellow
- Arizona Pop Warner and Scottsdale Christian Youth Football, Coach, 1994-2011
- McCormick Ranch Little League, Coach, 1994-2009
- McCormick Ranch Little League , Board of Directors, 2001-2004
- Chaparral High School Booster Club, Board of Directors, 2002-2004

HONORS & AWARDS

- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2006-2021; Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2020-2021; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Plaintiffs, 2021
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*®, Personal Injury - Products: Plaintiff, 2007-2020
- International Society of Barristers, 2017-Present
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers, 2011-Present
- Marquis Who's Who, "Who's Who in American Law"
- State Champions, Arizona Pop Warner Youth Football, 2001
- America's Top 100 Attorneys
- America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators

PUBLISHED WORKS

- *Product Liability Under California Law*, Cambridge Institute, 1987

LIVE MEDIA

- Jury Sides With Mother in Sierra Tucson Wrongful Death Trial, May 24, 2019
- Jury Awards \$5M to Mother of Man Who Died After Stay at Sierra Tucson, May 24, 2019
- Jury Sides With Mother in Sierra Tucson Wrongful Death Trial, May 23, 2019
- Investigation of Arizona State Hospital Continuing, June 18, 2015
- Arizona State Hospital Allowed to Investigate Itself, June 17, 2015
- Lawsuit Claims Hospital Chain Kept Patient Within System Without Ability to Provide Adequate Care, April 23, 2015
- Ford Recalls '01-'04 Escapes After Deadly Arizona Crash, May 13, 2012