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### My Practice

PLAINTIFF'S PERSONAL INJURY & WRONGFUL DEATH -  
Dram Shop/Bar, Drug and Medical Device Litigation,  
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 spanning over 39 years, Bob is tireless in his dedication and resolve to seek justice for each and every client. From the very first meeting with a 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 extremely effective in cases that are ultimately heard by juries.

Over the course of his career, Bob has obtained some of the largest verdicts in Arizona, including jury verdicts or awards of \$17,000,000, \$14,000,000, and \$5,000,000. In addition, Bob has obtained significant settlements in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Bob is known by his clients and professional colleagues alike to be a man 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. For example, 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; a significant win for his client and the consumer at large.

**See Bob's profile on our personal injury website.**

## 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)
- \$6,000,000 for client paralyzed during elective surgery. (2023)
- \$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)
- \$275,000 for negligence for a bike path accident. (2023)
- \$250,000 for torn Achilles tendon. (2009)
- \$150,000 for fractured hip. (2012)
- \$120,000 for trip and fall. (2008)

### **Utility Negligence**

- Secured over \$50,000,000 for residents and ranchers in the Ventura County Thomas Fires. (2021-2022)

### **Governmental Misconduct**

- \$4,470,000 settlement against city and state for failure to install a traffic signal. (2006)
- Obtained \$2,250,000 settlement for family of deceased 20-year-old who died while in jail for a 20-day hold in jail health care malpractice case (Section 1983). (2022)
- \$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**

- \$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 man murdered 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)
- \$520,000 against wineries for over serving a woman leading to a fatal car accident. (2023)

## 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

## ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Arizona , Member, 1984-Present
- State Bar of California , Member, 1985-Present
- Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, Member, 1997-Present
- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- 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

- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- International Society of Barristers, 2017-Present
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2006-2024; Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2020-2024; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Plaintiffs, 2021-2024; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2023-2024
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*®, Personal Injury - Products: Plaintiff, 2007-2023
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers, 2011-Present
- *Phoenix Magazine*, Top Lawyer, Personal Injury and Product Liability, 2023
- 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
- *Martindale-Hubbell* AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating

## 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