

Born

1946, Long Beach, California

Admitted

1973, Wisconsin Bar

1973, Eastern District of Wisconsin

1973, Western District of Wisconsin

1992, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Education

1973, Marquette University Law School, J.D.

Thomas More Scholar

1968, Marquette University, B.A.

Memberships and Leadership Positions

- State Bar of Wisconsin – Member, Litigation Section
- American Bar Association – Member, Litigation Section
- American Association for Justice – Member, Professional Negligence Section
- American Board of Trial Advocates – Wisconsin Chapter: Secretary/Treasurer (1999); Vice-President (2000); President (2001)
- Wisconsin Association for Justice– Member, Board of Directors (1984 – present); Treasurer (2007); Secretary (2008); Vice President (2009); President-elect (2010)
- Milwaukee Bar Association – Member, Litigation Section
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers (2010)

Awards & Honors

- 1998, St. Robert Parish – Hall of Fame
- 2000, Wisconsin Association for Justice - Robert L. Habush Trial Lawyer of the Year
- 2003, Milwaukee Magazine's "Best Lawyers"
- 2005, Super Lawyer
- 2006, Super Lawyer ("Top 50")
- 2006, Marquette University "M" Club – Hy Popuch Award
- 2007, 2008, 2009 Super Lawyer ("Top 50")

Reported Cases

- State v. Collova, 79 Wis. 2d 473, 255 N.W.2d 581 (Wis. S.Ct.1977)
- Gliniecki v. Borden, Inc., 44 F.Supp 619 (E.D. Wis. 1978)
- Arsand v. City of Franklin, 83 (Wis. 2d 40, 264 N.W.2d 579 Wis. S.Ct. 1978)
- Thorp Sales Corp. v. Gyuro Grading Co., Inc., 107 Wis.2d 141, 319 N.W.2d 879 (Wis. Ct. App. 1982), aff'd 111 Wis. 2d 431, 331 N.W.2d 342 (1983)
- Hiegel v. Labor & Industry Review Commission, 121 Wis. 2d 205, 359 N.W.2d 405 (Wis.Ct. App. 1984)

- Shanks v. Blue Cross & Blue Shield United, 777 F. Supp. 1444 (E.D. Wis. 1991), 979 F.2d 1232 (7th Cir. 1992).
- Castaneda v. Pederson, 176 Wis. 2d 457, 500 N.W.2d 703 (Wis. Ct. App. 1993), rev'd 185 Wis. 2d 200, 518 N.W.2d 246 (1994)
- Wikrent v. Toys "R" Us, Inc., 179 Wis. 2d 297, 507 N.W.2d 130 (Wis. Ct. App. 1993)
- Turner v. City of Milwaukee, 193 Wis. 2d 412, 535 N.W.2d 15 (Wis. Ct. App. 1995)
- Gainer v. Koewler, 200 Wis. 2d 113, 546 N.W.2d 474 (Wis. Ct. App. 1996)
- Maurin v. Hall, 2004 WI 100, 274 Wis. 2d 28, 682 N.W.2d 866 (Wis. S.Ct.)
- Rouse v. Theda Clark Medical Center, Inc., 2007 WI 87 (Wis. S.Ct.)
- Lockett v. Bodner, 2009 WI 68, 318 Wis. 2d 423, 769 N.W.2d 504 (Wis. S. Ct.)

Presentations

Judicial Education

- Wisconsin Supreme Court Office of Judicial Education: Civil Law Seminar: Medical Malpractice Issues (November 2000)
- 2005 Civil Law Seminar for Circuit Judges: Medical Malpractice Issues (12/09/05)
- 2009 Civil Law Seminar for Circuit Judges: Medical Malpractice Issues (12/04/09)

State Bar of Wisconsin

- Proving your Case through Cross-Examination (2000) – Panel member
- The Direct Examination of the Expert (2001)
- Trying a Slip and Fall Case (2001)
- Using the Internet to Help You Win Your Case (2002)
- Dealing with an Obstructionist Lawyer in Deposition (2003)
- Preparing for the Deposition of the Adverse Party's Expert (2004)
- Trial Lawyers Ethics 101 (2005)

Health Care Facilities and Organizations

- Wisconsin Society for Healthcare Risk Management: Trial Demonstration of an Obstetrical Malpractice Case (October, 1998)
- Dean Health System, 2003 Risk Management Seminar (April 29, 2003)
- Presenter, Medical Malpractice in Wisconsin, Aurora Health Care Risk Managers (October, 2006)

Milwaukee Bar Association

- Milwaukee Bar Association: Dealing with the Expert Witness: From Case Evaluation to Trial Testimony (November 13, 2001)
- Milwaukee Bar Association Seminar: Cross-Examination of the Expert (October 30, 2002)

Colleges & Universities

- Marquette University Law School, From Classroom to Courtroom: Closing Argument (March 29, 2001)
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of Health Sciences, Health Care Administration & Informatics, "Tort Reform" (April 24, 2003)
- UWM Health Care Law (4/27/04)
- UWM Health Care Law (4/12/05)
- UWM Health Care Law (2/21/06)
- UWM Health Care Law (2/20/07)
- UWM Health Care Law (2/19/08)
- UWM Health Care Law (2/24/09)
- UWM Health Care Law (3/02/10)

American Board of Trial Advocates

- Brief: Admissibility of Similar Accidents (1993)
- Sixth Annual Institute of Trial Practice (1994)
- Trying an Auto Accident Case (1997)
- Trying a Slip and Fall Injury Case – Program Chair and Panelist (1998)
- The Trial of a Soft Tissue Low Impact Automobile Accident Case (1999)
- Trial Demonstration: Direct Examination of Plaintiff’s Treating Doctor (2005)

Wisconsin Association for Justice

- Admissibility of Panel Findings in Circuit Court – All, Part or Nothing (1983)
- Effective and Practical Use of an Accident Reconstruction Engineer (1985)
- Hearsay Evidence and Expert Testimony (1987)
- Discovery of Work Product (1989)
- Opening Statements (1990)
- Dealing with Expert Witnesses, Yours and Theirs (1991)
- Medical Malpractice: Law Update (1994)
- Discretionary Immunity: The Exception that Swallows the Rule (1995)
- From Classroom to Courtroom: How to Make the Most out of Depositions (with ATLA) (1999)
- Cross-Examination (1999)
- Imposition of Sanctions in Alt v. Cline: Dealing with the Treating Doctor (2000)
- Summer Seminar: Medical Malpractice: Case Evaluation and Selection (2001)
- The Basics of Representing a Plaintiff in a Medical Negligence Case (2003)
- Cross Examination (2004)
- “Trial Lawyer Ethics: Are Obstructionist Tactics Okay?” (2005)

National Business Institute

- Medical Malpractice in Wisconsin (1988)
- Medical Malpractice in Wisconsin (1991)
- Effective Discovery Procedures in Wisconsin (1994)
- Medical Malpractice in Wisconsin (1994)
- Trial Advocacy in Wisconsin (1995)
- Trying the Soft Tissue Injury Case in Wisconsin (1995)
- Proving and Disputing Damages in Wisconsin (1996)
- Medical Malpractice in Wisconsin (1996)
- Evidence in Trial Practice (1997)
- Trying the Soft Tissue Injury Case in Wisconsin (1997)
- Personal Injury Settlements in Wisconsin: Practical Methods for Perfecting the Settlement of a Claim (1998)
- Winning Ways with Direct and Cross Examination in Wisconsin (1998)
- Keys to Effective Expert Witness Examinations in Wisconsin (1999)
- Medical Malpractice in Wisconsin (2000)
- Advanced Issues in Wisconsin Medical Malpractice (2000)
- Evidence in Trial Practice in Wisconsin (2003)
- Handling Medical Negligence Cases (2004)
- Trying the Wrongful Death Case in Wisconsin; Strategies in Preparation and Valuation (2005)
- “Strategies for Effective Trial Advocacy” (2007)

Other Presentations

- Professional Education Systems: Orthopedics for Lawyers (1989)

- Professional Education Systems: The Briar Patch, Thorny Issues in Wisconsin Civil Litigation (1992)
- National Education Network: Evidence at Trial: Making Your Case—Opinions and Experts (1993)
- Civil Trial Council of Wisconsin: The ADR Statute – Panel Discussion (1994)
- Lorman Education Services: Conducting an Effective Cross-Examination in Wisconsin (2000, 2001)

Contributions

- St. Robert Parish Athletic Association – Chair (1988-1989)
- St. Robert Parish Council - President (1989)
- St. Robert Parish - Trustee (1990-1999)
- St. Robert Parish Development Committee – Chair (1990-1992)
- Divine Savior Holy Angel Parents' Club - Co-President (1995)
- Marquette University Tip-Off Club - Board of Directors (1998)
- Marquette University "M" Club - Board of Directors (1998 – present)
- Wisconsin Patient Safety Summit, Medical College of Wisconsin - Participant (October 1999)
- Wisconsin Trial Practice for State Bar of Wisconsin - Reviewer (1999)
- Safe Care Wisconsin - Board of Directors (2007 - 2009)

Personal Information

Mike and his beautiful wife, Joan, have four adult children and six grandchildren. Their family, happily, keeps them busy. Mike and Joan are also active in the St. Robert Parish community and enjoy traveling. In his spare time, Mike follows the Green Bay Packers and Marquette University Basketball. He has run over thirty marathons. Mike also serves on the executive committee of the Wisconsin Association for Justice, an organization that promotes the fair and prompt administration of justice for injured persons.