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BORN: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
December 11, 1953

HOMETOWN: Wheeling, West Virginia

EDUCATION: University of Notre Dame (B.A., Economics 1976)
University of Denver (J.D., 1979)

BAR ADMISSIONS: West Virginia (1979); Ohio (1980); and Colorado (1987).

Member of numerous Federal court bars, including the United States Supreme Court, the 3rd, 6th, 7th, and 10th Circuit Courts of Appeals, United States Federal Court of Claims, and seventeen United States District Courts.

Municipal Judge, City of Wheeling, West Virginia 1987 – 1997

Practice focuses on plaintiff civil litigation, primarily product liability against major corporations that manufacture consumer products and medical devices. Areas of concentration include Wright Medical hip failures; fires caused by home appliances, including electric blankets, mattress covers, and heating pads; and representation of children affected with group B streptococcal bacteria (GBS) at birth. Has tried to verdict more than 100 civil cases.

BIOGRAPHY Municipal Judge, Wheeling, WV - 1987-1997

Partner: Bachmann, Hess, Bachmann & Garden, PLLC.
Wheeling, WV 1979 - 2001

Partner: McDermott, Hansen & McLaughlin, LLP,
Denver, CO, 2001 – 2010

PROFESSIONAL & HONORS Colorado “Super Lawyer” 2007- 2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association for Justice (AAJ)

Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA)

West Virginia Association for Justice

Public Justice

PUBLICATIONS

Investigating the Neonatal Group B Strep Case

Trial, Journal of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America
May 1998

Fire in the Night (electric blanket fires)

Trial, Journal of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America,
November 1999

Special Report - Electric Blanket Fires

Fire Findings, Fall 2000, Vol. 8, No. 4

Mining Discovery In Other Cases

TRIAL, Journal of the American Association for Justice Vol. 43, No. 11, p. 32
(Nov. 2007) (with William J. Hansen)

Toxic Hip Replacements

TRIAL

Journal of the American Association for Justice
February 2012

Medical Device Litigation in the post-Lohr and Riegel World

Trial Talk, Journal of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association
January 2013

Frequent lecturer on issues of continuing legal education and litigation of fire claims.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Neonatal Group B Strep Injuries and Death

American Trial Lawyers Association
Annual Convention, Washington, DC
July 14, 1998

Investigating Electric Blanket Fires

International Association of Arson Investigators - Arkansas Chapter
Annual Convention, Hot Springs, AR
October 27, 2000

Glade Plug-Ins Fires

American Trial Lawyers Association

Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada
July 23, 2005

Investigation of Electric Blanket and Heating Pad Fires

International Association of Arson Investigators
Annual Convention, Denver, CO
April 29, 2008

Electric Blanket & Heating Pad Fires

American Association for Justice
Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA
July 15, 2008

How to Use Discovery from Other Product Liability Cases

American Association for Justice
Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA
July 28, 2009

Other Similar Incidents

American Association for Justice
Winter Meeting, Maui, HI
January 31, 2010