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## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

- 1979-1981 UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT SCHOOL OF LAW  
J.D., cum laude, 1981  
*Honors and Awards:* National Order of Barristers, admitted 1982; Justice Frank Murphy Honor Society, admitted 1982; National Moot Court Team, 1981; Regional Semi-Finalist, National Appellate Advocacy Competition, 1981; Intramural Moot Court Competition, Undeclared Finalist Team, Best Advocate Award, 1980; University of Detroit Alumni Association Brief Writing Award, 1980.  
*Extra-Curricular:* Editorial Board, *Michigan Bar Journal, Corporation, Finance & Business Law Section* (1980-1981); Staff, *In Brief*, student newspaper; Legal Intern, University of Detroit Urban Law Clinic (June-December, 1981).
- 1977-1979 OAKLAND UNIVERSITY  
B.A., Psychology, 1979, G.P.A. 3.5  
*Honors and Awards:* Academic Honors Each Term; Research Grant for Study on Jury Behavior.
- 1973-1977 OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
A.A., Liberal Arts, 1977 (emphasis on commercial art, photography).

## **LEGAL EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

- 2009-Present THE LIBLANG LAW FIRM, P.C. ("AV" Rating)  
Birmingham, Michigan  
President and Founding Member; Emphasis on Plaintiff Personal Injury, Automobile Warranty Litigation and Employment Law. Named "Michigan Super Lawyer" in Consumer Law (2006 to Present)
- 1987-Present LIBLANG & ASSOCIATES, P.C. ("AV" Rating)  
Birmingham, Michigan  
President and Founding Member; Emphasis on Plaintiff Personal Injury, Automobile Warranty Litigation and Employment Law. Named "Michigan Super Lawyer" in Consumer Law (2006 to Present)
- 1984-1987 KURZMAN, PHELAN & LIBLANG  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan  
General practice with emphasis on Plaintiff Personal Injury, Product Liability, Automobile Warranty and Employment Litigation.
- 1984 GROMEK, BENDURE & THOMAS  
Detroit, Michigan  
Appellate practice with emphasis on Insurance Defense.
- 1981-1984 KURZMAN & PHELAN  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan  
General practice with emphasis on Plaintiff Personal Injury, Product Liability and Employment Law.
- 1980-1981 GARAN LUCOW, MILLER, SEWARD, COOPER & BECKER  
Detroit, Michigan  
Law Clerk; Insurance and Malpractice Defense.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- State Bar of Michigan, 1982
- U.S. District Court, E.D. Michigan, 1982
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1985
- U.S. District Court, W.D., Michigan, 2002
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2006

## **BAR ASSOCIATION, BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

### STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN, 1982-Present

#### *Section Memberships:*

- Consumer Law - Chair (2004-2005); Immediate Past Chair (2005-2006); Secretary (2006-2007); Treasurer (2007-2008);
- Negligence Law
- Labor Law
- Legal Economics
- General Practice
- Insurance and Indemnity Law

#### *Committee Memberships:*

- Malpractice Prevention Committee (Legal Economics Section) (1990-1991)

### OAKLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, 1982-Present

#### *Committee Memberships:*

- Negligence Law (1991-Present)
- Employment Law (1988-Present; Chair 1989-1991)
- Lawyer Referral Service (1994-Present)

### GRAND TRAVERSE BAR ASSOCIATION, 2004-Present

### DETROIT METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION, 2000-2003

### NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY, 2002-Present

- Certification as Civil Trial Lawyer, September 2002

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE, 1982-Present

#### *Section Memberships:*

- Tort and Insurance Practice
- Product Liability

### MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE, 1982-Present

#### *Executive Board (2006-Present)*

#### *Committee Memberships:*

- Negligence Law
- Employment Law
- Consumer Law (Co-Chair 2005-Present)
- Amicus Committee (2005-Present)

### MICHIGAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION - OAKLAND CHAPTER, 1995-Present

#### *Offices:*

- Vice President (1995-1996)
- Co-Chair Consumer Law Committee (2005-2006)
- Amicus Team – Consumer Law (2005-Present)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSUMER ADVOCATES (1999-Present)

- Consumer Hero Award 2002

AMERICAN INNS OF COURT - OAKLAND COUNTY CHAPTER

- Master (1999-2000)
- Barrister (1998)

WOODSIDE MEDICAL, INC., Citizen Advisory Board (1987)

### **ADR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

SCAO APPROVED MEDIATOR TRAINING (ICLE, April 2001)

FACILITATIVE MEDIATION TRAINING (Oakland County Bar Association and American Arbitration Association, May 1999)

CASE EVALUATOR, Wayne County (2000-Present)

CASE EVALUATOR, Oakland County (1990-Present)

FACILITATOR, OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FACILITATION PROJECT (1999-Present)

NORTH CAROLINA BAR CENTER, Private Adjudication Center

- Dalkon Shield Arbitrator Panel (1995-Present)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Author, *Litigating Rebuilt Wrecks: De-Stressing the Buyer of a Distressed Vehicle*, 85 Mich B J 28 (2006)
- Author, *Lemon Law 101: Putting the Squeeze on Road Lemons*, 19 Mich Def Trial Counsel 4 (October 2002)
- Author, *Causes of Action Form Book* (ICLE, 1996, Breach of Warranty Cases)
- Author, *Torts, Michigan Law and Practice, Civil Rights Cases* (ICLE, 1995-2000)
- Contributing Author, *Consumer Law Pleadings* (NCLC 1999-present)
- Contributing Author, *Automobile Fraud Manual* (NCLC 1999-present)
- Author, *Practice Guide to New Car Warranty Cases*, 78 Mich B J 288 (1999)
- Author, *Lemon Law 101: An Overview* (MTLA Oakland Newsletter Winter 1996)
- Co-Author, *An Overview of Federal Age Discrimination Issues*, 291 Laches (Oak Co Bar J) (April 1990)
- Author, *Michigan Whistleblower's Protection Act: Job Protection for Citizen Crime Fighters*, 5 MI Corp Fin B L J 43 (Summer 1981)
- Co-Author, *Tort Liability of Successor Corporations*, 5 MI Corp Fin B L J 1 (Spring 1981)
- Co-Author, *Comment, Toussaint v Blue Cross*, 4 MI Corp Fin B L J 135 (Fall 1980)

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- National Consumer Law Center and National Association of Consumer Advocates, Annual Consumer Law Seminar, *Trends in Auto Fraud Litigation*, Boston, Massachusetts (November 12, 2010)

- WPRR Public Radio, “Bad Cars and What You Can do About Them” (May 4, 2010) (URL: <http://www.publicrealityradio.org/listen.php?episode=494>)
- Michigan Poverty Law Program, 2010 Roadshow Training, *Autofraud: Rebuilt Wrecks and Yo-Yo Sales*, Ann Arbor, Michigan (April 21, 2010)
- Fox 2 Television, Lunch Money Segment, “Consumer Protection” (March 10, 2010)
- WTVS Public Television, “Consumer Protection” (December 18, 2009) (URL: <http://www.dueprocess.tv/video.php?v=121809&mt=Consumer Protection&md=12/18/09>)
- Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Guest Lecturer, *Consumer Law: Lemon Law and Autofraud*, Auburn Hills Campus, Auburn Hills, Michigan (November 10, 2009)
- Michigan Poverty Law Program, 2009 Roadshow Training, *Autofraud: Rebuilt Wrecks and Yo-Yo Sales*, Lansing Community College, Lansing, Michigan (October 5, 2009)
- SeminarWeb and MAJ, *Litigating Identity Theft Cases* (February 26, 2009)
- National Consumer Law Center and National Association of Consumer Advocates, Annual Consumer Law Seminar, *Trends in Auto Fraud Litigation*, Portland, Oregon (October 24, 2008)
- MAJ, Annual No-Fault Insurance Institute, *Motor Vehicle Collision Claims and Strategies*, Dearborn, Michigan (June 5, 2008)
- National Consumer Law Center and National Association of Consumer Advocates, Autofraud Conference, *Understanding Dealer Documents and Advanced Dealer Discovery*, San Antonio, Texas (May 15-16, 2008)
- Legislative Workshop, *What You Don’t Know (About the Michigan Consumer Protection Act) Can Hurt You*, Lansing, Michigan (January 23, 2008).
- Radio WJIM 1240, “Ask the Lawyer,” *Mortgage Meltdown* (December 20, 2007)
- National Consumer Law Center and National Association of Consumer Advocates, Annual Consumer Law Seminar, *Getting Paid: Billing and Fee Issues Under Consumer Fee-Shifting Statutes*, and *Mock Fee Hearing Demonstration*, Washington, D.C. (November 2007)
- Legislative Workshop, *What You Don’t Know (About the Michigan Consumer Protection Act) Can Hurt You*, Lansing, Michigan (October 2007).
- National Consumer Law Center and National Association of Consumer Advocates, Annual Consumer Law Seminar, *Auto Fraud Litigation and Practice Tips*, Miami, Florida (November 2006)
- People’s Law School, “*Lemon Law*” and *Other Consumer Statutes Relating to Car Buyer’s Rights and Remedies*, Lansing, Michigan (October 24, 2006)
- MTLA, Rapid Fire Seminar, *What’s Left Under the Consumer Protection Act (Or: Is there life after Smith v Globe Life?)* (May 12, 2006)
- Michigan Poverty Law Center/CORT, *Autofraud Litigation: Identifying Potential Legal Claims, Sample Case File Analysis* (April 21, 2006)
- National Consumer Law Center and National Association of Consumer Advocates, Annual Consumer Law Seminar, *Auto Fraud Litigation and Practice Tips*, Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 2005)

- ICLE, Annual Solo & Small Firm Practice Institute, *Why Your Clients Need Consumer and Lemon Law Protection – and How That Helps Your Practice*, Dearborn, Michigan (October 20, 2005)
- WDIV-TV 4, Due Process Show, Auto Fraud Claims (September 2005) (Due Process Tape No. 412, available from Oakland County Bar Association)
- MTLA, Rapid Fire Seminar, *How to Utilize the Shaken Faith Doctrine in Lemon Law Cases* (May 13, 2005)
- ICLE, Course Designer, Moderator-Speaker, *Consumer Law and Practice: What You Need to Know* (seminar title); *Handling Lemon Law, UCC and Magnuson-Moss Issues* (course title) (May 3, 2005)
- Radio WPON 1460, Consumer Connection, Lemon Law (April 14, 2004)
- WDIV-TV 4, Due Process Show, Lemon Law (November 25, 2003) (Due Process Tape No. 384, available from Oakland County Bar Association)
- Radio WCHB, Smith & Golding's Ask the Lawyer Show, Lemon Law (November 7, 2003)
- Oakland County Bar Association, Navigating the Law Series for Senior Citizens -Car Buyers' Rights, Tips & Remedies (October 2003)
- National Association of Consumer Advocates, 2003 Auto Fraud Conference, *Explaining the Deal Documents; Discovery Strategy; Damages; Trial Tips*, Cleveland, Ohio (April 25-27, 2003)
- Michigan Council of Private Investigators, Investigation & Security Conference, *Fair Credit Reporting Act* (February 2003)
- MTLA, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar in the Snow, *Litigation Strategies for Lemon Law and Related Consumer Claims* (February 2003)
- Oakland County Bar Association, Navigating the Law Series for Senior Citizens - Consumer Rights (September 2002)
- ATLA, Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada, *Litigating Lemons for a Living* (July 2001)
- National Consumer Law Center and National Association of Consumer Advocates, Annual Consumer Law Seminar, *Evaluating Lemon Cases; Using Demonstrative Evidence at Trial in Lemon Cases*, Colorado (October 2000)
- MTLA Rapid Fire Seminar, *Litigating Lemons for a Living* (April 2000)
- National Consumer Law Center and National Association of Consumer Advocates, Annual Consumer Law Seminar, *Litigating Lemons for a Living*, Washington, D.C. (November 1999)
- ICLE, Course Designer, Moderator-Speaker, *Winning Consumer Law Cases & Attorney Fees Too* (June 1997)
- Radio WXYT 1270 AM, Rick Bloom's "Your Money," Live interview from North American Auto Show on Lemon Law (January 1997)
- Guest Speaker, *Michigan Lemon Law and Consumer Rights*, Society of Engineers Wives (March 1996)
- ICLE Speaker, *Closed Head Injury Cases in Michigan* (January 1996)
- Radio WMUZ 103.5 FM, "Ask the Lawyer," Special Edition on Lemon Law (May 1995)

- Oakland County Bar Association (People's Law School), *Automobile Lemon Law* (March 1994)
- Oakland County Bar Association, *No Fault 101 - Handling Automobile Negligence Claims* (February 1994)
- ICLE Speaker, *Closed Head Injury and Third-Party Litigation* (January 1994)
- ICLE, Course Designer, Moderator-Speaker, *Consumer Litigation: Automobile and Other Product Warranty Cases* (June 1993)
- ICLE Speaker, *No-Fault Update: Uninsured Motorist, Underinsured Motorist, Arbitration, Stacking of Multiple Uninsured or Underinsured Motorist Policies, the Status of the Law & Recent Developments* (July 1992)
- Oakland County Bar Association, Speaker, *Employment Law* (May 1992)
- ICLE Speaker, *Advising the Business on Michigan and Federal Consumer Litigation* (February 1992)
- ICLE Moderator, *UCC Law and Practice* (April 1990)
- ICLE Speaker, *Michigan Consumer Law and Practice: How to Handle Your Consumer Case* (July 1989)
- Washtenaw County Bar Association, Speaker, *Handling Automobile Warranty Cases* (February 1987 and February 1989)
- Washtenaw County Bar Association, Speaker, *Recent Law and Practice in Wrongful Termination of Employment Cases* (June 1984)

#### **REPRESENTATIVE CASES:**

- *Davis v Forest River*, 485 Mich 941, 2009 WL 3734136 (2009) (*Amicus* counsel for plaintiff, writing on behalf of Michigan Association for Justice and State Bar of Michigan Consumer Law Section; affirmed revocation judgment against remote manufacturer of motor home).
- *LaVene v Winnebago*, 266 Mich App 470 (2005) (trial and appellate counsel; affirmed award of costs and attorney fees, including costs not authorized by RJA on grounds that Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act fee provisions preempt state law).
- *Pifer v DaimlerChrysler, et al*, Michigan Court of Appeals Docket No. 239638, unpub'd, 2003 WL 22850124 (Mich App, December 2, 2003) (trial and appellate counsel; affirmed "shaken faith" in vehicle as basis for revocation under UCC; standards for revocation under UCC §2-608 and UCC §2A-517 are identical).
- *Jordan v Transnational Motors*, 212 Mich App 194 (1995) (trial and appellate counsel; trial court's failure to consider remedial nature of Michigan Consumer Protection Act and Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act in awarding statutory attorney fees reversed as an abuse of discretion).
- *Ayer v Ford*, 200 Mich App 337 (1993) (trial and appellate counsel; Michigan Lemon Law; summary disposition in favor of plaintiff on prima facie case).
- *Jenkins v Red Cross*, 141 Mich App 785 (1985) (appellate counsel; Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights case involving constructive discharge, supervisor liability and attorney fee issues).
- *Halstead v General Motors Corporation*, US District Court No. 82-CV-8621 (lead counsel; class action under Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act and Uniform Commercial Code; successfully settled on behalf of approximately 180 named plaintiffs).