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EDUCATION:

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.
J.D. 1984, cum laude
Editor, American Criminal Law Review

George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
B.A. Political Science, 1981
Board of Trustees Honors Scholar

BAR ADMISSION:

States: Colorado, 1987; Alaska, 1985; Missouri, 1984
U.S. Courts of Appeals: Ninth Circuit, 1985; Tenth Circuit, 1987
U.S. District Courts: District of Alaska, 1985; District of Colorado, 1987;
Northern District of California, 1993
Pro Hac Vice admissions in courts across the country

LAW PRACTICE:

The Gilbert Law Group, P.C., Arvada, Colorado
(and predecessor firms)
Product liability litigation, 1991-present

Colorado Department of Law, Denver, Colorado
Assistant Attorney General
Environmental enforcement litigation, 1988-1991

Gilmore and Feldman, Anchorage, Alaska
Civil, criminal, administrative litigation, 1985-1987

PUBLICATIONS:

(Author or Co-Author)

Books and Book Chapters

“The Auto Litigator’s Guide to Screening Cases for Product Liability Claims,” in
The Auto Litigation Handbook (Publication expected 2011)

“Auto Design Defect” in Litigating Tort Cases (West – AAJ Press 2009)

“The Trouble with Sport Utility Vehicles,” and “Conversion Van Litigation” in Products Liability Litigation: Product Studies (West-ATLA Press 1997)

Full Disclosure: Combating Stonewalling and Other Discovery Abuses (West-ATLA Press 1994)

"Evidence Destruction - Legal Consequences of Spoliation of Records," in Legal Medicine 1994, (Butterworth 1994)

"Pretrial Discovery Abuse and Sanctions" in Excellence in Advocacy (West-ATLA Press 1992)

Articles:

Product Liability Primer for Non-Product Liability Lawyers, Trial Talk, Jan. 2011

Product Safety Update: Runaway Toyotas, Trial Talk March 2010

Making Cars Safe for Kids, Trial, Nov. 2008

Conversion Vans – Luxurious and Convenient, But at What Cost?, Trial, April 2002

Defeating Daubert Challenges in Auto Defect Cases, Trial, Sept. 2001

Products Cases: An Uphill Battle for Plaintiffs, Trial, Nov. 2000

“Hide the Ball:” A Plaintiff’s Attorney’s Views on the Amendments to the Discovery Rules, TortSource (ABA), Spring 2000

The Multifront Attack on Products Liability Plaintiffs, ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section Committee News, Winter 2000

Conversion Vans: Woodsheds on Wheels, Trial, Jan. 2000

Expert Testimony: Defeating the Kumho Challenge, Trial, November 1999

“Recognizing The Auto Restraint Defect Case,” Trial Talk, Dec., 1989/Jan., 1999

Other “Dissimilar” Incidents, The Product Liability Manufacturer’s Defense De Jour, Trial Talk, Dec., 1997

Overcoming Juror Bias in Voir Dire, Trial, July 1997

Product Litigation: Using Other Similar Incident Evidence, Trial Talk, Dec., 1996

The Trouble with Sport Utility Vehicles, Trial, Nov., 1996

Recognizing and Investigating Crashworthiness Cases, Trial, Nov., 1995

From Discovery to Disclosure: The Pretrial Exchange of Information in the New ERA, Trial Talk, Dec. 1994

Escaping Implied Preemption, Trial, Nov. 1994

The Price of Silence, Trial, June 1994

Expert Testimony: defeating the Kumho Challenge, Trial, November 1999

Compelling Testimony in Alaska: The Coming Rejection of Use and Derivative Use Immunity, 3 Duke University - Alaska Law Review 229 (1986)

SEMINAR PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

When It Comes to Auto Safety, Children Take a Back Seat—An Overview of Child Safety Issues, National College of Advocacy, 2007 AAJ Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois, July 15, 2007

E-Discovery, the first 100 days, American Bar Association, Automotive Products Liability Regional CLE Workshop, Detroit, Michigan, June 29, 2007

Daubert Proofing Your Expert, Western Trial Lawyers Association, Napa Valley Seminar, October 24-25, 2005

Rollover Stability and Crashworthiness Litigation, Attorneys Information Exchange Group, 2005 ATLA Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, July 24, 2005

JDC Buckle Unlatching, Attorneys Information Exchange Group, AIEG Spring Seminar, April 5-6, 2005

Interactive Critical Thinking/Problem Solving, Attorneys Information Exchange Group, AIEG Paralegal Seminar, February 17-18, 2005

Crashworthiness Cases, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, 2005 ATLA Winter Convention, January 29 – February 2, 2005

Rollover Litigation, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, Summer Meeting, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, June 18-20, 2003

Litigation Institute, Colorado Bar Association, Denver, Colorado, October 10 & 11, 2002

Rollover Crashworthiness Litigation, Colorado Trial Lawyers Association Annual Convention, Snowmass, Colorado, August 10, 2002

Daubert – Meeting the Challenges of Expert Admissibility, Demonstration of Direct and Cross Examination of Expert, AIEG Special Meeting, Dallas, Texas, February 15 – 16, 2002

Case Assistance Workshop, National College of Advocacy, San Diego, California, April 6 - 29, 2001 (faculty – focus group training)

Supporting Your Experts' Methods in Practice: An Introduction to Getting Your Experts Admitted, Speaker and Program Co-Chair, National College of Advocacy Seminar, Expert Evidence: *Daubert* And Its Progeny, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 9 – 10, 2001

"Discovery abuse: Find it, Foil It, and Make the Perpetrators Pay for It", Association of Trial Lawyers of America Internet Teleseminar, February 21, 2001

Kumho-Proofing Your Case, Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 13, 2000

Expert Evidence: General Litigation Strategies for Plaintiffs Counsel, National College of Advocacy, Association of Trial Lawyers of America Annual Convention, Section on Toxic, Environmental, and Pharmaceutical Torts, Chicago, Illinois, July 31, 2000

Stonewalling, National College of Advocacy, Association of Trial Lawyers of America Annual Convention, Trial Advocacy Track, Chicago, Illinois, July 30, 2000

Product Liability Seminar, Colorado Bar Association, Denver, Colorado, December 11, 1999

Product Liability Update, Colorado Bar Association, Denver, Colorado, November 4, 1999

Kumho-Proofing Your Case, Attorneys Information Exchange Group, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona, September 23-25, 1999

Recognizing the Auto Product Defect Case, American Bar Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August 6-10, 1999 (speaker, course advisor)

Kumho Tire: Experts, Evidence, and Impact, Association of Trial Lawyers of America telephone and internet briefing, May 11, 1999

Case Assistance Workshop, National College of Advocacy, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 21 - 25, 1999 (faculty - focus group training)

Children and Products, National College of Advocacy, San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 24, 1998 (program moderator)

Direct Examination of the Plaintiff's Auto Design Safety Expert, National College of Advocacy, Washington, DC, July 11, 1998

Recognizing the Auto Design Defect Case, National College of Advocacy Mega-Seminar, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, Jan. 2, 1998 (speaker, course advisor)

Trial Strategies & Tactics that Work, Colorado Legal Education, Denver, Colorado, June 17, 1997

Full Disclosure, American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys, Las Vegas, Nevada, Sept. 25-26, 1997

Stonewalling: How to Find it & How to Stop It, Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association, Cody, Wyoming, June 20, 1996

Full Disclosure: Combating Stonewalling & Other Discovery Abuses, National College of Advocacy, Chicago, Illinois, Oct., 1995 (speaker, course advisor)

Recognizing the Crashworthiness Case, Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, Auto Litigation Seminar, Denver, Colorado, April, 1995

Auto Design Defect Case Selection and Investigation, Attorney's Information Exchange Group, Spring Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia, March, 1995

Discovery Techniques for Paralegals, National College of Advocacy, Orlando, Florida, March, 1995

Mandatory Disclosures, Federal Rules Workshop, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois, July, 1994

Overview of Discovery Abuse, Attorney's Information Exchange Group, Discovery Seminar, Houston, Texas, March, 1994

The Law Prohibiting Unnecessary Secrecy, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Washington, DC, July, 1992

Discovery & Production of Documents: Consultants, Experts, and Confidentiality Orders, National College of Advocacy, New Orleans, Louisiana, May, 1992
Asserting Privileges on Behalf of the Government in Civil Discovery, Colorado Attorney General's Office, Denver, Colorado, Aug., 1988

LEGAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS:

Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Colorado Trial Lawyers Association

Trial Lawyers for Public Justice

American Bar Association

ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section

Colorado Bar Association

Boulder County Bar Association

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

Earthlaw, Inc., Board of Directors, 1993-present

The Brief (ABA) Editorial Board, 1997-1998

Tort and Insurance Law Journal (ABA) Editorial Board, 1995-1997

Association of Trial Lawyers of America: ATLA Press Advisory Board 1998-present; Committee on Courts, 1994-1997; Const. Litig. Committee, 1994-1996

Colorado Trial Lawyers Association: Product Liability Editor, 1998-Present, Amicus Curiae Committee, 1993-1996 (chair, 1995-1996); Case Assistance Committee, 1994-Present; Committee on Proposed Civil Rule Changes, 1994

Advisor, Wheat Ridge High School Trial Advocacy Team, 1997-1999

Boulder, Colorado Toxics Advisory Group, 1995

Boulder County Partners, Inc., Longmont, Colorado: "Senior Partner" for handicapped teen, 1989-1992

United Way Colorado Combined Campaign: Advisory Board Member, 1991; Department of Law Coordinator, 1990

Alpine Alternatives, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska: Board Member - Chairman of the Board of nonprofit organization providing recreational opportunities for handicapped youth, 1986-1987

Boy Scouts of America, Anchorage, Alaska: Troop leader for developmentally disabled boys, 1984-1985