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THE LAW FIRM  
FOR  
TRUCK SAFETY LLP

## CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy  
(recertified 2013, 2018)  
Board Certified Civil Pre-Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy  
Board Certified Truck Accident Law, National Board of Trial Advocacy

## LICENSES TO PRACTICE LAW

Ohio (1994), Michigan (1995), Tennessee (1995), Illinois (2017), New York  
(2017)

### Federal District Courts

- Northern District of Ohio (1994)
- Eastern District of Michigan (1995)
- Middle District of Tennessee (1995)
- Southern District of Ohio (2003)
- Northern District of Indiana (2003)
- Southern District of Texas (2003)
- District of New Mexico (2015)

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals (2016)

Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (1996)

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (2013)

## WORKED ON CASES IN THE FOLLOWING STATES

Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky,  
Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada North Carolina, New Mexico, New  
York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas,  
Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

## EMPLOYMENT

ATTORNEY 1994-PRESENT  
*The Law Firm for Truck Safety, LLP*  
*(Formerly Leizerman & Associates, LLC and EJ Leizerman & Associates,*  
*LLC)*

## EDUCATION

GRADUATE 2008  
*Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College* *Dubois, Wyoming*

JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.) 1991-94  
*University of Toledo College of Law* *Toledo, Ohio*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE (A.B.) 1988-1991  
*University of Michigan* Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Concentrations in philosophy and film & video studies

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE'S PAGE SCHOOL 1985-1986  
Congressional Appointment by Rep. John D. Dingell Washington, D.C.

## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Adjunct Professor 2001-2006  
*University of Toledo College of Law*  
Courses: Jurisprudence, Pretrial Practice, Negotiations

## PUBLICATIONS

*Litigating Truck Accident Cases*, West publishing, 2005, 3 volume treatise  
(updated annually) (with co-author Rena Leizerman)

*Handling Motor Vehicle Accident Cases, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*, Vol. 3—Truck Accident  
Litigation chapter, 2004, West Publishing

*Finding Insurance in Truck Crash Cases*, Trial Magazine, February 2008  
(peer reviewed)

*The Zen Lawyer: Winning with Mindfulness*, Trial Guides, 2018

## HONORS AND RATINGS

President's Award – National Board of Trial Advocacy  
Lifetime Achievement Award –American Association for Justice Trucking  
Litigation Group (2014)  
AV Preeminent rating—Martindale Hubbell  
Avvo Rating 10.0 Superb  
The Best Lawyers in America®  
Super Lawyer – Thomson Reuters

## MEMBERSHIPS

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys  
Founder 2015-present

American Association for Justice (AAJ)  
Member 1994-present  
Leaders Forum

American Association for Justice Interstate Trucking Litigation Group  
Founding Chair 2002-2003  
Executive Board Member 2002-present  
Public Affairs - Chair 2013-2014, member 2013 – present

American Bar Association

Member, Litigation section

Multi-Million Dollar Advocate Forum  
Member

National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA)  
Member

National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys  
Charter Member  
Board of Directors

Ohio Association of Justice  
Member  
Advocates' Circle

Toledo Bar Association  
Past Appointment to Grievance Committee  
Appointment to Committee on Character and Fitness -  
Bar Admissions c. 2006-present  
Past appointment to Ethics Advisory Committee  
Past appointment to Grievance Investigation Committee

Toledo Area Trial Lawyers  
Past President

Trial Lawyers for Public Justice  
Member

Trial Lawyers College  
Ranch Club Member

#### CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS

Interstate Trucking Group of ATLA, Atlanta, GA (July 20, 2002)  
*Punitive Damages in Large Truck Cases*

Kiroff Bench/Bar (2003)  
Panel member, *What is Justice? A Review of Plato's Republic and Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter from a Birmingham Jail*

Toledo Bar Association, Toledo, OH (November 21, 2003)  
*Trial Techniques: Using Courtroom Technology in Opening Statement*

Toledo Bar Association, Toledo, OH (September 12, 2003)  
*Avoiding Malpractice During Settlements – Protecting the Client's Interests*

Interstate Trucking Group of ATLA, San Francisco, CA  
(July 19, 2003)  
Moderator

Railroad Law section of ATLA, Boston, MA (July 5, 2004)

*Representing the Train Crew against the Railroad and the  
Trucking Company*

Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Phoenix, AZ  
(October 22, 2004)

*Using the Internet to Research Truck Accident Cases*

Interstate Trucking Group of ATLA, Toronto, ON (July 22, 2005)

*Using the Internet to Research Truck Accident Cases*

Litigating Truck Accident Cases, Las Vegas, NV (October 21, 2006)

*Using the Internet to Research Truck Accident Cases*

American Association for Justice, national teleseminar

(January 23, 2007)

*Litigating Truck Collisions: Critical Investigation to Prove  
Your Client's Case*

Interstate Trucking Group of ATLA, Chicago, IL (June 22, 2007)

*Internet Primer; Finding Additional Coverage in Truck  
Accident Cases*

Tennessee Association for Justice, Nashville, TN (October 5, 2007)

*Punitive Damages in Large Truck Cases*

Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association, Arkansas

(November 2, 2007)

*Internet Discovery in Truck Cases; Trucking Insurance Coverage*

American Association for Justice, New Orleans, LA

(February 8, 2008)

*Statutory Violations in Truck Litigation*

American Association for Justice, Philadelphia, PA (July 12, 2008)

*Finding Insurance in Truck Litigation*

West Legal Center/Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking  
Lawyers of America, national teleseminar, (August 4, 2009)

*Finding Insurance in Truck Cases*

American Association for Justice Trucking College, Atlanta, GA

(October 9-12, 2009)

Discovery presentation, SafeStat/CSA presentation, instructor

Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association, Arkansas (November 13, 2009)

*Cognitive Science in Truck Litigation*

Litigating Truck Collision Cases Seminar, New Orleans, LA

(February 26, 2010)

*Dealing with the Standard Defenses in a Trucking Case*

Litigating Truck Collision Cases Seminar, Las Vegas, NV

(October 9, 2010)

*Insurance Coverage in Truck Cases*

Litigating Truck Collision Cases: “Rules,” “Reptiles,” & Experts Seminar, Atlanta (May 20, 2011)

*Maximizing Damages in a Trucking Collision Case*

Trucking Litigation Exposed, New Orleans, LA (June 14, 2011)

*Shifting Cargo Cases*

American Association for Justice National Convention, New York, NY (July 11, 2011)

*Persuasion at Trial from Aristotle to fMRI*

American Association for Justice Trucking College, Kansas City, MO (September 21-24, 2011)

*Using Metaphor Focus Groups in Truck Accident Cases*

Strafford Publishing Webinar— Litigating Trucking Accident Injury Claims (April 11, 2012)

*Evaluating Common Causes of Accidents and Mastering Liability Theories*

New Jersey Association for Justice (April 26-27, 2012)

*Using Technology at Trial Truck Case Jurisdiction & Insurance Coverage – Parties and Strategies*

Ohio Association for Justice (May 4, 2012)

*Finding All the Insurance Coverage and Defendants*

California Truck Accident Seminar (May 19, 2012)

*Climbing Inside the Skin of the Truck Driver and Demonstration of Psychodrama Technique in Trucking Cases*  
(with Joe Fried)

360 Advocacy – How to Win Trucking Cases National Seminar, Las Vegas, NV (August 27-29, 2012)

*Distracted Driving—Cell Phone Use, Hours of Service, Log Audit and Fatigue and Closing Argument—Asking for the Money*

Ohio Association for Justice Trucking Seminar (September 13, 2012)

*Examining the Truck Driver and Safety Director*

Arizona Association for Justice Advanced Trial Advocacy Conference (October 26, 2012)

*Maximizing Damages*

Advanced Motor Vehicle Litigation National Conference, Las Vegas, NV (November 18, 2012)

*Finding All the Insurance Coverage in Trucking Cases*

Pincus National Trucking Webinar (January 15, 2013)

*Avoiding Eleven Common Mistakes in Trucking Cases*

Ohio Association for Justice Annual Convention, Columbus, OH  
(May 3, 2013)  
*Exposing the Roots of a Truck Case*

American Association for Justice Broker/Shipper Cases,  
San Diego, CA (June 21-22, 2013)  
*Discussion of Law and Trial Techniques*

American Association for Justice Annual Convention,  
San Francisco, CA (July 23, 2013)  
*Trial Warrior—Using Virtue to be More Effective at Trial*

MyLawCLE Live Video Feed National Simulcast, Philadelphia, PA  
(July 29, 2013)  
*A Plaintiff's Primer on Truck Accident Litigation*

Ohio Association for Justice Trucking Safety Seminar, Toledo, OH  
(September 17, 2013)  
*Using Psychodrama in Truck Accident Cases*

360 Advocacy—How to Win Trucking Cases National Seminar,  
Las Vegas, NV (Nov. 5, 2013)  
*Closing Argument—Asking for the Money*

Strafford Webinar— Evidence Preservation in Truck Injury Cases  
(April 1, 2014)  
*Letters of Preservation and Claims for Spoliation*

Chicago Bar Association—Building Your Practice through Referrals  
(May 1, 2014)  
*Building a National Practice*

Ohio Association for Justice Annual Convention, Columbus, OH  
(May 8, 2014)  
*Priceless Does Not Mean Valueless*

360 Advocacy Advanced Motor Vehicle Seminar, Chicago, IL  
(September 28-29, 2014)  
*Consortium Claims in Severe Automobile Collisions*

Three Cores Seminar (October 16-19, 2014)  
Keynote speaker, multiple topics

360 Advocacy—How to Win Trucking Cases, Las Vegas, NV  
(October 20, 2014)  
*U-Turn Cases and Using Psychodrama in Truck Cases* (live demonstration)

National Business Institute—Truck Accident Litigation 101  
National Webinar (Dec 17, 2014)  
*Settlement Negotiation and Trial of a Truck Accident Case*

Strafford—Litigating Trucking Accident Claims National Webinar  
(January 15, 2015)

*Overview of Liability, Discovery and Finding All the Parties*

360 Advocacy Advanced Motor Vehicle Seminar, Las Vegas, NV  
(March 23, 2015)

*Consortium Claims in Severe Automobile Collisions*

American Association for Justice, New Orleans, LA (May 1, 2015)

*The Zen Approach to Trucking Litigation*

Kentucky Association for Justice, Louisville, KY (June 5, 2015)

*Opening Statement in Truck Accident Cases*

American Association for Justice, Montreal, QC (July 11, 2015)

*Opening Statement in Truck Accident Cases*

Strafford Webinar (September 10, 2015)

*Preserving Evidence in Trucking Injury Cases*

Ohio Association for Justice Trucking Safety Seminar  
(September 17, 2015)

*Using the CDL Manual at Deposition and Trial*

Three Cores Seminar, Aspen, CO (October 22-25, 2015)

Keynote speaker, *various topics*

National Business Institute, Toledo, OH (October 28, 2015)

*Truck Accident Litigation from A to Z*

360 Advocacy Program, Las Vegas, NV (November 1-3, 2015)

*Disabled Vehicle Impact Cases and Closing Argument*

Iowa Association for Justice, Des Moines, IA (November 5-6, 2015)

*Zen and Trial Lawyering*

Strafford Webinar (February 10, 2016)

*Preserving Evidence in Trucking Injury Cases*

U.S. Law Annual Convention (April 9, 2016)

American Association for Justice, New Orleans, LA (April 21, 2016)

*Getting to the Core Truth*

Arkansas Trial Lawyers' Association, Arkansas (April 29, 2016)

*Getting to the Core Truth*

Core Method Workshop, Chicago, IL (May 4-7, 2016)

Keynote speaker, *various topics*

Core Method Workshop, San Francisco, CA (September 7-11, 2016)

Keynote speaker, *various topics*

Ohio Association for Justice, Columbus, OH (September 22, 2016)

*Tire primer in Truck Accident Cases*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys, Nashville, TN

(September 28-30, 2016)

*History of Trucking Safety and Tying together Opening and Closing in Truck Cases*

Michigan Association for Justice Webinar (December 7, 2016)

*Keys to an Eight-Figure Settlement or Verdict in Truck-Crash Litigation*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys, Webinar (December 14, 2016)

*Tire and Wheel Issues in Truck Cases*

Louisiana Association for Justice, New Orleans, LA (December 15, 2016)

*The Zen Lawyer: Winning with Mindfulness*

National Trial Lawyers Summit, Miami, FL (February 8, 2017)

Moderator and speaker, *Getting to the Core Truth: Slashing Away Defenses*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorney-Truck Crash Trial Skills, Houston, TX (March 17-18, 2017)

Moderator and presenter

Core Method Workshop, Toledo, OH (May 11-14, 2017)

Moderator and presenter, *various topics*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Webinar (May 17, 2017)

*Opening Statement in a Truck Crash Trial*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Webinar (July 19, 2017)

*Representing the Truck Driver Hit by Another Truck Driver*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Webinar (September 6, 2017)

*Understanding Truck Crash Reports and Out-of-Service Violations*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys, Nashville, TN

(September 17-19, 2017)

*Focus Groups in Trucking Cases*

Strafford Webinar— Evidence Preservation in Truck Injury Cases (September 26, 2017)

*Letters of Preservation and Claims for Spoliation*

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (November 4, 2017)

*Opening Statements and Closing Arguments in Truck Crash Cases*



Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Webinar (January 17, 2018)  
*Cruise Control Issues in Trucking Cases*

National Trial Lawyers Summit Winning Truck Crash Cases,  
Miami, FL (February 7, 2017)  
Moderator and speaker, *Finding All the Parties and Insurance*

Strafford—Litigating Trucking Accident Claims National Webinar  
(March 13, 2018)  
*Overview of Liability, Discovery, and Finding All the Parties*

American Association for Justice Trucking College, Phoenix, AZ  
(March 22-24, 2018)  
*Demonstrative Evidence in Trucking Cases*

Ohio Association for Justice Annual Convention, Columbus, OH  
(May 4, 2018)  
*Winning with the Core Truths*

Michigan Association for Justice, Annual Convention (May 11, 2018)  
*Getting to the Logical Core Truth*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Webinar (May 16, 2018)  
*Nine Things to Do before Settling a Truck Crash Case*

ATAA/Legacy Truck Driving Course for Lawyers, Bozeman, MT  
(August 13-15, 2018)  
*Practical Use of Post-Crash Data*

Zen Lawyer Workshop, Toledo, OH (Aug 23-26, 2018)  
*Multiple presentations*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys, Nashville, TN  
(September 20-22, 2018)  
*Deposing the Truck Driver—Art and Science and Arguing Grief*

Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, Indianapolis, IN  
(September 26, 2018)  
Full-day Presentation on The Zen Lawyer Core Method

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys— Trial Skills, Austin, TX  
(October 11-13, 2018)  
Moderator and presenter

Ohio Association for Justice Convention, Columbus, OH  
(October 26, 2018)  
Plenary Speaker—*Damages: Priceless is Not Valueless*

MyLawCLE Live Video Feed National Simulcast, Miami, FL  
(October 31, 2018)  
*Trucking Litigation Standards of Care and Nine Things to Do Before Settling*

Trial Guides Trucking Litigation *What's Your 20?* Scottsdale, AZ  
(November 8-10, 2018)  
*Understanding Key Documents, Bad Weather Cases, Side Swipe  
Cases, Deposing the Truck Driver*

National Board of Trial Advocacy All-Star Conferences,  
New Orleans, LA(Nov. 9, 2018)  
*Understanding Post-Crash Investigation Data*

American Association for Justice Trucking Litigation Group,  
Washington, DC (Nov 29, 2018)  
*The Use of Aggravated Liability Facts and Punitive Damages in  
Trucking Trials*

Clear Law Institute, Litigating Truck Accident Cases Webinar  
(Dec. 3, 2018)  
*Standards of Care in Trucking Cases and Post-Crash Data*

The Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Ultimate Trial  
Notebook(Dec. 6, 2018)  
*Conducting Focus Groups*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Webinar (January 16, 2019)  
*Handling Non-Catastrophic Truck Crash Cases*

National Trial Lawyers Summit Winning Truck Crash Cases,  
Miami, FL (January 23, 2019)  
Moderator and speaker, *Using Post-Crash Data in Truck Cases*

Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Winning with Mindfulness  
(January 26, 2019)  
Full-day workshop; sole speaker

West Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (Feb. 1, 2019)  
*Getting the Logical Core Truth in Trucking Cases*

ATAA/Legacy Truck Driving Course for Lawyers, Boseman, MT  
(May 6-8, 2019)  
*Practical Use of Post-Crash Data*

New Jersey Association for Justice, Boardwalk (May 9, 2019)  
*Zen and the Art of Trucking Litigation*

American Association for Justice Trucking Litigation Group,  
members only, The Breakers (September 9, 2019)  
*Effective Demonstratives to Compare and Contrast When Motor  
Carriers Do Not Use Safety Technology*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys, Nashville, TN  
(September 12-14, 2019)  
*Using Video in All Aspects of Trucking Litigation* Chameleon

American Association for Justice Nursing Home Litigation  
Conference(October 24, 2019)

*Winning with Mindfulness*, full-day workshop; sole speaker

New Jersey Association for Justice, Meadowlands, NJ  
(November 22, 2019)

*Persuasive Use of Graphics and Video at Trial*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Webinar (March 18, 2020)

*Truck Accident Attorneys Working at Home (COVID-19)*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Webinar (April 15, 2020)

*Nine Things to Do Before Settling a Truck Crash Case*

Injury Board Webinar, members only (March 16, 2020)

*The Ins and Outs of Working Remotely During Covid-19*

Injury Board Webinar, public (March 24, 2020)

*Remote Work Best Practices*

Ohio Association for Justice Webinar (March 31, 2020)

*Uncharted, Uncertain, Unprecedented: Finding Answers  
During the COVID-19 Crisis*

Vermont Association for Justice Webinar (April 2, 2020)

*Lawyers Working at Home*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (April 15, 2020)

*9 Things to Do Before Settling a Truck Crash Case*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (June 3, 2020)

*Dozens of Leizerman's Trucking and Trial Tips*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Symposium

(September 23-25, 2020)

*Engaging and Motivating the Jury*

Minnesota Association for Justice Webinar (February 19, 2021)

*The Mindful Trial Lawyer*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Webinar (March 3, 2021)

*Compliance Reviews and FMCSA Interventions*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys/The Zen Lawyer  
(March 30 – May 4, 2021)

*Compassionate and Fierce: From Grief Counseling to  
Victorious Verdicts*

Kentucky Association for Justice, invited (June 4, 2021)

*Maximizing Recovery in Truck Cases in Kentucky*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Symposium  
(September 23-25, 2021)

*Engaging and Motivating the Jury*

Oklahoma Association for Justice Trucking Program  
(September 30, 2021)

*Investigating Truck Cases, Maximizing Recovery in Truck  
Cases*

Nevada Justice Association Annual Convention (October 8-9, 2021)

*The Zesty Essentials of Truck Accident Law, Being Mindful of  
the Temperature of Yourself and Your Cases*

Ohio Association for Justice National Webinar (December 1, 2021)

*Trucking Fundamentals for New and Experienced Lawyers*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Webinar (February 2, 2022)

*History of Trucking and its Relevance on our Cases*

West Virginia Association for Justice Mid-Winter Virtual Seminar  
(February 3, 2022)

*Trucking Basics for New and Experienced Lawyers  
(Plus TAKE: A Powerful New Damages Paradigm)*

Strafford CLE Program (March 2, 2022)

*Litigating Broker Liability for Trucking Accident Injury Claims*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) New Lawyer  
Bootcamp (April 6-8, 2022)

*How to Find and Apply Standards in Trucking Cases*

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

Transport Topics, Trucking Targets 'Nuclear' Verdicts  
(September 2016, 2020)

Trial Guides blog, Trial Guides Interview with Michael Leizerman  
(July 13, 2015)

WTOL CBS11 Toledo, *Rolling Trouble* Interview (2008)

The Dave Nemo Show, Interview on Road Dog Radio, Sirius XM  
(June 26, 2013)

KNXV ABC15, *Family of DPS Officer Killed in I-8 Crash Suing Big Rig  
Driver, Truck Company* (Dec 12, 2013)

CNBC, *Can Truck Companies Clear Their Dirty Safety Record?*  
(July 30, 2014)

*Champions of Justice* Radio Broadcast, Glendale CA (July 26, 2016)

GOVERNMENTAL TESTIMONY

*It's Time to Adjust Federal Minimum Insurance Levels* (May 19, 2014)  
Testimony to Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee to Federal  
Motor Carrier Safety Administration

PERSONAL

Wife: Rena; Sons: Kegan and Daniel