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Areas of Practice:

Medical Malpractice, Product Liability, Professional Liability, Catastrophic Injury Cases

Charles Hornewer has more than twenty-five years of trial experience in medical malpractice, product liability and other cases involving death or catastrophic injuries. He has also represented sporting event producers and athletes. In 1999, Mr. Hornewer was elected to the prestigious American Board of Trial Advocates and is also a member of the Society of Trial Lawyers, American Association for Justice, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and Illinois State Bar Association.

A 1981 graduate of DePaul University College of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review, Mr. Hornewer is currently licensed to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana and before state courts in Illinois. Formerly a Partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson's Chicago Office, he has handled medical malpractice cases and other cases from the perspective of both the plaintiff and the defendant. He has lectured around the country on medical malpractice, trial practice and trial advocacy, and has also published extensively on these topics. Martindale-Hubbell has awarded him an "AV" rating, its highest rating for legal ability and ethics. He has also been recognized as an Illinois "Super Lawyer" as published in Chicago Magazine.

Presentations:

Expanding Theories of Hospital Liability, Mary Thompson Hospital Board of Trustees Retreat, Lincolnshire, Illinois, September 1987

Loss of Consortium in Illinois, Hinshaw & Culbertson In-House CLE Program, November 1987

Life After Residency - Medical Malpractice Overview, University of Illinois Pediatric Program in conjunction with Ross Laboratories, November 1988

Actions Under the Wrongful Death, Survival and Family Expense Acts, CNA Insurance Company, Downers Grove, Illinois, July 1989

Day In The Life Videos - The Defense Perspective, 25th Annual Trial Evidence Seminar, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, October 1990

How to Work for Your Own Defense, 14th Annual Vail Emergency Medicine Conference, February 1992

Legal Trends in the Emergency Department: C.O.B.R.A., 14th Annual Vail Emergency Medicine Conference, February 1992

Risk Management of Head and Spine Cases, 14th Annual Vail Emergency Medicine Conference, February 1992

Direct Examination, Instructor, YLS Federal Trial Bar Training Course, Chicago Bar Association, October 1994

Closed Head Injuries, Defense Perspective, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Point/Counterpoint Damages Seminar, May 1998

Managed Care Update: Developments and Trends, Defense Research Institute Medical Liability Seminar, September 1998

Cross-Examination of Plaintiff's Medical Witnesses, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Trial Techniques Seminar, October 1999

Direct and Cross Examination of Witnesses, Hinshaw & Culbertson Trial Practice Program, 2002

Prior Injuries/Subsequent Injuries/Aggravation of Pre-existing Injuries, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association "Tort Law Trends" Seminar, February 2005

Developments in Jurisdiction, Forum non Conveniens and Choice of Law, Illinois State Bar Association "Tort Law Update" Seminar June 2007

Publications:

Comment, Loss of Consortium: Still All in the Family, Comment, Hinshaw Reports: Torts, Vol.3 No.1 (1986), Hinshaw & Culbertson, 1986

Guest Editorial, Prepare Your Own Defense, Illinois Medicine, Vol. 2, No. 10 (May, 1990), 1990

Note, Elimination of Municipal Good Faith as a Defense Under Section 1983: A New Hope of Recovery for Strip Search Victims - Owen v. City of Independence, Missouri, 30 DePaul Law Review, DePaul University, 1981

Professional Activities:

American Bar Association, 1983-1997

Tort and Insurance Practice Section

Entertainment and Sports Industries Committee

Litigation Section

American Association for Justice (formerly ATLA), 2003-present

American Board of Trial Advocates, 1999-Present

American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics, 1986-1994

Chicago Bar Association

 Trial Techniques Committee, 1981-1999

Defense Research Institute, 1990-2002

Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, 1983-2002

Illinois State Bar Association

 Tort Law Section

 Civil Practice and Procedure Section

 Insurance Law Section

Society of Trial Lawyers, 1994-Present

Trial Lawyers Club of Chicago, 1984-1999

Education:

B.A., DePaul University, 1978

J.D., DePaul University, 1981

DePaul Law Review

Moot Court Society

Admitted to Practice:

State of Illinois, 1981

United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1982

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1982

United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana, 2001