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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1969-1970	Michigan State University
1970-1973	Wayne State University Received Bachelor of Arts Degree
1973-1976	Detroit College of Law Received Juris Doctor Degree
1977-Present	Continuing Legal Education Studies in the area of Civil Litigation and Procedure, Workers' Disability Compensation, Negligence, Michigan No- Fault Insurance Law, Litigation Strategies, Depositions

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1974-1976	LOPATIN, MILLER, BINDES & FREEDMAN Detroit, Michigan Position Held: Law Clerk Duties included preparation of cases for trial, research and writing of appellate briefs, client contact, and assisting attorneys in Court.
1977-1985	LOPATIN, MILLER, BINDES & FREEDMAN Detroit, Michigan Position Held: Associate Attorney Specializing in Workers' Disability Compensation and Social Security Disability Law.

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Duties included trial preparation, trials and appellate practice.

1985- Present

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Position Held: Owner and Principle Attorney

Duties include trial preparation, trials and appellate practice, organizing and controlling a law office with one full time attorney, several Of Counsel attorneys, and several paralegals, clerks, and secretaries. Responsible for all aspects of the practice from administrative and financial functions through and including engaging in all aspects of civil litigation.

Practice has included workers' compensation, general negligence, motor vehicle negligence, first party no-fault practice, counseling of disabled individuals, Social Security Disability law, trial and appellate practice, investigation and preparation of products liability and professional negligence cases, corporate employment affairs counseling, and commercial and residential real estate. Most recently practice has been limited exclusively to representing claimants in workers compensation proceedings.

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chairperson of the State Bar of Michigan, Workers Disability Compensation Section Council, June 2009.

Vice-Chair of the State Bar of Michigan, Workers Disability Compensation Section Council, June 2008.

Secretary of the State Bar of Michigan, Workers Disability Compensation Section Council, June 2007.

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Treasurer of the State Bar of Michigan, Worker's Disability Compensation Section Council, June 2006.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman, Workers' Compensation Committee of the Executive Board of the Michigan Association for Justice (formerly Michigan Trial Lawyer's Association), 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012

Co-Chairman, Workers' Compensation Committee of the Executive Board of the Michigan Association for Justice (formerly Michigan Trial Lawyer's Association) 1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2000-2001; 2001-2002; 2002-2003; 2003-2004

Co-Chairman, Listserv Committee of the Executive Board of the Michigan Association for Justice, 2007-2008; 2008-2009; 2009-2010

Member, Listserv Committee of the Executive Board of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association 2000-2001

Member, Amicus Committee of the Executive Board of the Michigan Association for Justice (formerly Michigan Trial Lawyer's Association), 2005-2006, 2006-2007

Member, Worker's Compensation Committee of the Executive Board of the Michigan Trial Lawyer's Association 2004-2005, 2012 - present

Member, Governor's Workers' Compensation Efficiency Initiative Task Force, January, 2010

Member - Board of Directors of the Workplace Injury Law & Advocacy Group 2012 - present

Member - Federal Legislative Committee of the

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Workplace Injury Law & Advocacy Group 2009-2016

Member - Advisory Board of the Workplace Injury Law & Advocacy Group 2010

State Captain, Workplace Injury Law & Advocacy Group 2010-present

Member - Workplace Injury Law & Advocacy Group, 25th Anniversary Convention Committee

Membership Hall of Fame, Workplace Injury Law & Advocacy Group

ACCREDITATION

United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, Accredited Attorney for representation of Veterans of the United States Military, May, 2011- present

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Fellow - College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers

Member - State Bar of Michigan Admitted to practice in State of Michigan - May, 1977- Present

Admitted to practice before United States Courts - May, 1977 - Present

Sustaining Member - Michigan Association for Justice

Member - Million Dollar Advocates Forum

Member - American Association for Justice

Board Member - Workplace Injury Litigation Group

Member - National Organization of Veterans Advocates

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CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

AAV rating by Martindale Hubbell, 1999 to present

Participated in appeals, including oral arguments, before the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan, Court of Appeals of the State of Michigan, Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, Workers' Compensation Appellate Commission, Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Participated in excess of 300 trials in Circuit and District Courts, at the Bureau of Workers' Disability Compensation, Worker's Compensation Agency, Social Security Administration Office of Hearings & Appeals, and various other forums.

Participated in alternative dispute resolution, including binding arbitration as a litigant, court appointed mediator, arbitrator, and in facilitations.

2000

Co-moderator "Vocational Rehabilitation in Michigan Workers' Compensation -- Plowshare or Sword" Seminar, Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, January, 2000.

2001

Co-moderator This is Not Your Father's Workers' Comp Practice Seminar, Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, January, 2001.

Speaker, Workers' Compensation Update Seminar, Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, February, 2001

Judge, National Trial Advocacy Competition, Michigan State University, Detroit College of Law, October, 2001.

Appointed to Michigan Trial Lawyers Listserve Committee, 2001

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2002 Appointed to Workers' Disability Compensation/Medicare Task Force Committee by Director of Bureau of Workers' Disability Compensation, 2002

Co-moderator Aggravation in Workers' Compensation Seminar, Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, January, 2002.

Elected unanimously to the State Bar of Michigan, Workers' Disability Compensation Section Council, September, 2002.

Speaker Depositions Seminar, Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, October, 2002

2003

Co-moderator Surviving Sington Seminar held jointly between the Workers' Compensation and Social Security Sections of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, January, 2003.

Member State Bar of Michigan, Workers' Disability Compensation Council, 2003.

Appointed as a case evaluator, Oakland County Circuit Court.

2004

Co-moderator Comp Flambé: Rakestrawed Over the Coals Seminar held jointly between the Worker's Compensation and Social Security Sections of the Michigan Trial Lawyer's Association, January, 2004.

Member State Bar of Michigan, Workers' Disability Compensation Council, 2004.

2005

Co-moderator Lien on Me Seminar held jointly between the Workers' Compensation and Social Security Sections of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, January, 2005.

Speaker, Comp College 05", Workers' Compensation Agency, Department of Labor and Economic Growth, State of Michigan, Great Case Debate III: Macomber,

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Goldstein, and Rule 222 Where Do We Go from Here? Do we now have discovery in Michigan Workers' Compensation? Presented to the Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates, Workers' Compensation Appellate Commission, Director of the Workers' Compensation Agency, and Workers' Compensation Administration personnel.

Appointed to Michigan Trial Lawyers Legislative Committee, April, 2005.

Appointed to Michigan Trial Lawyers Amicus Committee, April, 2005

Speaker, Worker's Comp 101", Michigan Trial Lawyer's Rapid Fire Seminar, May, 2005.

Reelected unanimously to the State Bar of Michigan, Workers' Disability Compensation Section Council, 2005.

2006

Co-moderator Triskacompaphobia Seminar held jointly between the Workers' Compensation and Social Security Sections of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, January, 2006.

Speaker, Employment Law Conference, Michigan State University, School of Labor & Industrial Relations, Labor Education Program, February, 2006.

Co-Author, Attorney Fee Agreements in Michigan, Third Edition, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Ann Arbor, Michigan 2006.

2007

Co-moderator Stokes in the Flames of Change Seminar held jointly between the Worker's Compensation and Social Security Committees of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, January, 2007.

Guest Lecturer, University of Detroit School of Law, Workers Compensation Disability and Causation, February, 2007.

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Speaker, Proposed Medicare Secondary Payer Act Legislation Update, Annual Worker's Disability Compensation Section of the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting, June 2007.

Speaker, ALiens Forum, Liens and Worker's Compensation Cases, Michigan Association for Justice, Novi, Michigan, December, 2007

2008

Co-Moderator, Bride of FrankenStokes Seminar held jointly between the Worker's Compensation Committee and the Social Security Committee of the Michigan Association for Justice, January, 2008.

Guest Lecturer, University of Detroit School of Law, Workers Compensation Disability and Causation, February, 2008.

Speaker, Michigan Association for Justice, Rapid -Fire Seminar, Worker's Compensation Liens on Third Party Cases, Dearborn, Michigan, May 9, 2008.

2009

Co-Moderator, Ain't Misbehavin' Seminar held jointly between the Worker's Compensation Committee and the Social Security Committee of the Michigan Association for Justice, January 2009

Nominated for admission to The College of Worker's Compensation Lawyers, May, 2009

Speaker, Disaster Planning - Ethical and Practical Concepts Regarding the Use of Technology in the Law Office, Workers' Injury Law & Advocacy Group 14th Annual Conference, Carefree, Arizona, October, 2009

The Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit 2010, dbusiness Magazine, November B December 2009

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2010

Co-moderator You Can't Hurry Love, Seminar held jointly between the Worker's Compensation Committee and the Social Security Committee of the Michigan Association for Justice, January 2010

Inducted, The College of Worker's Compensation Lawyers, March, 2010

Co-Author, Attorney Fee Agreements in Michigan, Fourth Edition, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Ann Arbor, Michigan 2006

Speaker, Debunking the Electrodiagnostic Functional Capacity Evaluation, Workers' Injury Law & Advocacy Group 15th Annual Conference, Aventura, Florida, November, 2010

Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit 2011, dbusiness Magazine, November & December 2010

2011

Co-moderator, Annual Seminar held jointly between the Worker's Compensation Committee and the Social Security Committee of the Michigan Association for Justice, January 2011

Speaker, Debunking the Electrodiagnostic Functional Capacity Evaluation, Annual Worker's Compensation-Social Security Seminar, Michigan Association for Justice, January, 2011

Speaker, Debunking the Electrodiagnostic Functional Capacity Evaluation, Rapid Fire Seminar, Michigan Association for Justice, May, 2011

The Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit 2012, dbusiness Magazine, November & December 2011

2012

Co-moderator Friday the 13th Seminar held jointly between the Worker's Compensation Committee and

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the Social Security Committee of the Michigan Association for Justice, January 2012

Author, Op Ed, On Evidence Based Medicine, Worker's First Watch, Spring, 2012, Workers' Injury Law and Advocacy Group

The Top Attorneys in Michigan 2012, Michigan Super Lawyers

The Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit 2013, dbusiness Magazine, November & December 2012

2013

Speaker, Evidence Based Medicine and Expediter Discovery Tactics, Compnesia Seminar, held jointly between the Worker's Compensation Committee and the Social Security Committee of the Michigan Association for Justice, January 2013

Co-Author, Attorney Fee Agreements in Michigan, Fifth Edition, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Ann Arbor, Michigan 2013

Speaker/Panelist, Settlement Strategies: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About Reimbursement (of Medicare and Medicaid), American Bar Association, Section of Labor and Employment Law Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2013

Co-Author, The 94% Solution, The Michigan Association for Justice Journal, Winter 2013

The Top Attorneys in Michigan 2013, Michigan Super Lawyers

2014

Speaker, Legislative Update: Medicare Reform, Delphi & More, and Co-Moderator, The 94% Solution Seminar, held jointly between the Worker's Compensation Committee and the Social Security Committee of the Michigan Association for Justice,

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January 2014

Co-Author, The 94% Solution Worker's First Watch, Summer 2014

The Top Attorneys in Michigan 2014, Michigan Super Lawyers

Recipient of President's Award, Worker's Injury Law & Advocacy Group, Santa Barbara, CA, October, 2014

The Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit 2014, dbusiness Magazine, November 2014

2015

Speaker, Medicare Liens in Personal Injury Suits, ICLE Webinar, May, 13, 2015

Co-Author, The 94% Solution LexisNexis Worker's Compensation eNewsletter, July 27, 2015

The Top Lawyers 2015, Michigan Super Lawyers, Hour Magazine, September 2015

Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit 2015, dbusiness Magazine, November 2014

2016

The Top Lawyers 2016, Michigan Super Lawyers

The Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit 2016, dbusiness Magazine

2017

Speaker, National Worker's Compensation Issues and Trends, Friday the 13th, Part II Seminar, held jointly between the Worker's Compensation Committee and the Social Security Committee of the Michigan Association for Justice, January 2017

2018

The Top Lawyers 2018, dbusiness Magazine

2019

Speaker, Social Security and Medicare Set-Asides,

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Tactics and Considerations; Preventing Abuses, Options/Obligations to Client, Worker's Injury Law & Advocacy Group Midwest Regional Conference, Kansas City, MO, April, 2019

Speaker, Attorney Fees - Trends and Challenges, Worker's Injury Law and Advocacy Group Annual Convention, Santa Barbara, California, October, 2019

The Top Attorneys in Michigan 2019, Michigan Super Lawyers

2020

The Top Attorneys in Michigan 2020, Michigan Super Lawyers

Recipient of the President's Beacon Award, Worker's Injury Law & Advocacy Group, 25th Annual Convention and Seminar (virtual), October, 2020

The Top Lawyers in Michigan, 2021, dbusiness Magazine, November - December, 2020

2021

The Top Lawyers in Michigan, 2022, dbusiness Magazine, November - December, 2021

Author, "Best practices for plaintiff worker's compensation attorney's", abridged, Michigan Bar Journal, December 2021

2022

Author, "Best practices for plaintiff worker's compensation attorney's", full article, Worker's First Watch, Spring, 2022, Workers' Injury Law and Advocacy Group

Co-Author, Attorney Fee Agreements in Michigan, major revision, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Ann Arbor, Michigan 2022

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2023

Testified before State of Michigan House and Senate Labor Committees regarding needed changes to the Worker's Disability Compensation Act

The Top Lawyers in Michigan 2024, dbusiness Magazine, November-December 2023

Decisions on cases handled are published in the Michigan Reports, Michigan Court of Appeals Reports, Workers' Compensation Appellate Commission Reporter, Workers' Compensation Appeal Board Opinion Reporter, Trial Magazine and Michigan Lawyer's Weekly.

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