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Peter Riley grew up with the law – inspired by his parents, both of whom were attorneys. His father served as a Judge for the Hennepin County District Court from 1965 until his retirement in 1986.

Peter graduated in 1974 from Williams College, in Williamstown, Massachusetts. After earning his Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in Economics and Psychology, Peter attended the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating cum laude in 1977. While at the University, he was a member of the Law Review. While in college, he was elected as a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Peter has dedicated himself exclusively to representing victims of injury or wrongful death. The many cases he has handled include several arising out of the sinking of the ore freighter Edmund Fitzgerald. In addition, Peter recovered over \$1,000,000 for a young woman struck and severely injured by an uninsured motorist. He has also negotiated important settlements for victims of a variety of accidents, including over \$225,000 for a young man whose hand was injured by a farm auger, a jury verdict of \$450,000 for a victim of medical malpractice, \$1,000,000 for the family of a man killed in a boat collision, and over \$1,100,000 for the family of a construction worker killed in a building collapse. He also concluded a settlement of over \$11,000,000 for a young woman severely injured in a car crash, and recently recovered \$3,400,000 for a man seriously injured in a collision with a semi-tractor trailer.

Peter has been awarded the “AV” rating by the nationally recognized Martindale – Hubbell Law Directory. This is the highest rating achievable for legal ability and for faithful adherence to ethical standards, professional reliability, and diligence. He has also been named a Leading Minnesota Attorney and “Super Lawyer” in handling personal injury claims. In addition, Peter has been elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), an invitation only organization of skilled and experienced trial lawyers, and served as president of the Minnesota ABOTA chapter in 2007. In 2010, he was named to the ABOTA national board where he continues to serve. Peter is also a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Peter is listed in the book “Best Lawyers in America” by Woodward/White in the area of Personal Injury practice, and was named an Attorney of the Year in 2004 by the Minnesota Lawyer newspaper. He has been a member of the Minnesota Association for Justice since 1977 and served as its president in 2004.

Peter is a frequent lecturer in the field of injury and wrongful death, and he teaches for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. He has also served as an on-air fundraiser for the Twin Cities public television service, TPT, since 1977.

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PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Personal Injury
- Wrongful Death
- Product Liability
- Medical Malpractice
- Legal Malpractice

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- Minnesota State Bar, 1977
- U.S. Federal District Court–District of Minnesota, 1978
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1978

EDUCATION

- University of Minnesota Law School, cum laude, 1977
- Williams College, cum laude, Pi Beta Kappa, 1974
- Blake School, Minneapolis, MN, 1970

JOINED FIRM

- 1991, became shareholder in 2002

PAST EMPLOYMENT

- Deparcq, Hunegs, Stone & Koenig, 1977-91

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Minnesota Association for Justice, Member
 - President 2003-2004, Board of Governors (1987-97)
- Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers, Member
- American Association for Justice, Member
- Hennepin County Bar Association, Member
 - Chairman (Litigation Sec. 1983-84)
- MN State Bar Association, Chairman (Jury Task Force, 1993-95),
 - Committee on No-Fault Arbitration (1989-95)
- American Arbitration Association, Panel of Arbitrators
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum, Member
- Douglas Amdahl Inn of Court, Minneapolis, Member (2000-present)
- American Board of Trial Advocates, Member (1999-present)
 - National board member
 - President, Minnesota Chapter (2006-2007)
- Professional Committee of State Bar Association, Member (1987-89)
- Brain Injury Association of Minnesota, Board of Directors (2005-2006)
- Civil Trial Certification Council, Member (1990-95)
- Planned Parenthood of MN/ND/SD, Member (Board Chair 2006-2007)

HONORS

- "Attorney of the Year," Minnesota Lawyer, 2004
- "The Best Lawyers in America," Woodward/White, 2005-2006
- Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory—A.V. Rated
- "Super Lawyer," Minnesota Law & Politics, 1997-20045
- "Leading Minnesota Attorney," Leading Attorney Network, Inc., 1998-2005
- "Top Attorney," Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine, 1997-2005
- "Top 100 Super Lawyer," Minnesota Law & Politics, 2001-2005
- "Top 25 Personal Injury Lawyers" in Minnesota, Minnesota Law & Politics, 2001-2005
- Certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy
- Certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association

REPORTED DECISIONS

- Safeco v. Goldenberg, 435 N.W. 2d 616, 1991 W.L. 519
- Jonsson v. Ames Construction Company, 409 N.W.2d 560
- Stein v. Regents of the University of Minnesota, 282 N.W.2d 552
- Newland v. Overland Express Co., 295 N.W. 2d 615
- Graves v. Meland, 264 N.W.2d 401

SEMINARS

- "Overcoming Juror Bias," Guest Speaker, 2004 MTLA Mid-Winter Meeting, 3/5/2004
- "Selection and Use of Experts in Auto Case," Guest Speaker, MTLA, 1/22/2004
- "Discovery in UM/UIIM Cases," UM/UIIM Seminar, Guest Speaker, MTLA, 1/31/2003
- "Winning the Soft Tissue Injury Case Seminar," Course Chair, MTLA, 12/17/2002
- "Opening Statement in the Soft Tissue Case," Winning the Soft Tissue Case Seminar, Speaker, MTLA, 12/17/2002
- "Handling the Major Trauma Cases Seminar," Course Chair, MTLA, 6/14/2002
- "Trial Strategies to Convince the Jury," Persuading the Skeptical: Negotiation and Trial Techniques, Guest Speaker, MTLA, 5/11/2001
- "Product Liability," Guest Speaker, Upper Midwest Chapter Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, 5/1/2002
- "Winning in Voir Dire," Handling the Automobile Accident Case, Guest Speaker, MTLA, 4/12/2001
- "The Plaintiff's Case," Soft Tissue 2000 Winning in this Millennium, Guest Speaker, MTLA, 4/7/2000
- "The Legal Definition of Death," Guest Speaker, Western Trauma Association, 2/1/1986
- "Trial Practice Class," Guest Faculty, University of Minnesota Law School, Judge Michael Davis, 11/1/1983
- "Bad Faith, What It Is and How It Is Established," Current Issues in Insurance Law Seminar, Guest Speaker, ALE, 10/1/1983
- "The Legal Definition of Death," Guest Speaker, Methodist Hospital "Grand Rounds," 5/1/1983
- "Informed Consent and Physician Countersuits," Guest Speaker, Methodist Hospital "Grand Rounds," 5/1/1982
- "Bad Faith in Insurance Litigation - Plaintiff's Perspective", Insurance Law in Litigation, Guest Speaker, Advanced Legal Education Seminar, 3/1/1982
- "Informed Consent and the Emergency Care Physician," Guest Speaker, Western Trauma Association, Feb. 1982
- "Trial Practice Class," Guest Faculty, University of Minnesota, Judge Roberta Levy, 10/1981-10/1999
- "Trial Practice," Guest Faculty, University of Minnesota, Judge Robert Bowen, 10/1/1980

PUBLICATIONS

- "Health Plan Contract Discounts: Plaintiff's Benefit or Defendant's Windfall?", Author, MTLA Magazine, Summer 2004
- "President's Page," Author, MTLA Magazine, Winter 2004
- "The Challenges Ahead-President's Page," Author, MTLA Magazine, Fall 2003
- "Thinking Outside the Black Box, Automobile Crash Data Recorders," Author, MTLA Magazine, Summer 2002
- "Minnesota No-Fault Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Law," Co-Editor, 1997
- "Effective Use Of The Law Of Juror Selection," Author, MTLA Magazine, p. 14, Fall 1996
- "Bad Faith-General Principles and Plaintiff's Perspective," Author, ALEP, Hamline University School of Law, Mar.1992
- "Handling Swimming Pool Cases in Product Liability," Author, Law Reporter: August 1992
- "Swimming Pool and Diving Injuries," Author, MTLA Magazine, p. 14, fall 1991
- "Deposing the Out-of-State Defendant," Author, Minnesota Trial Lawyer, Sept./Oct. 1980

HOMETOWN

- Minneapolis, Minnesota