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One of six generations of Siebens, Bill Sieben comes from a family steeped in Minnesota law and politics for over 100 years. Bill is a native of Hastings, Minnesota. He graduated magna cum laude from St. Cloud State University in 1973 and William Mitchell College of Law in 1977.

Bill began his legal career on the White House staff of then Vice President Walter Mondale. Since then, Bill has received record setting verdicts in Minnesota and has handled over 25 multi-million dollar cases arising from car accidents, plane crashes, semi-trailer collisions, defective products and wrongful death.

Honored by his peers, Bill has been inducted into the International Society of Barristers, which has only 800 members worldwide. He was invited into The American College of Trial Lawyers, which limits its membership to the top 1% of attorneys in America and into the American Board of Trial Advocates, a select group of plaintiff and defense lawyers and judges. Bill has been named to the "Minnesota Lawyers Hall of Fame" which lists the 100 most influential lawyers in Minnesota history (Minnesota Law & Politics – 2007). He has also been named a "Super Lawyer" by Minnesota Law & Politics since the award began and was the top vote getter in 2000 out of 22,000 lawyers in Minnesota. He has been named the top personal injury lawyer in Minnesota on three separate occasions; 2001, 2002 and 2003. Bill has been included in Best Lawyers in America since 1994 and has been selected by LawDragon, Inc. as one of the top 500 lawyers in America.

In 2008, Bill was honored by Minnesota Lawyer as one of its "Attorneys of the Year" for his role as co-lead counsel in the record setting class action lawsuit Braun v. Walmart. He represented the class of 56,000 Walmart employees who did not receive rest and meal breaks that they were entitled to and resulted in a \$54,000,000 settlement for his clients.

Bill is certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy – a designation awarded exclusively to trial lawyers with extensive courtroom experience. The certification process included a strict peer review and a national written examination.

Outside his law career, Bill and his wife Joyce are very active in the community. Bill has served as a youth hockey coach, community festival volunteer, high school debate judge and mock jury coach. He served on the Regina Hospital Foundation for nine years. Bill and Joyce also endowed the Kim Middendorf Courage Scholarship at William Mitchell College of Law – a scholarship for law students with disabilities. Kim was a client of Bill's who was critically injured in a construction accident. Despite her severe injuries, Kim went on to graduate at the top of her class.

Bill has served the Minnesota Association for Justice (MAJ) for over thirty years as a past President and treasurer of its political action committee. He has also served as the President of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and as a National Board Representative since 2001.

Bill and Joyce Sieben have three children; Kevin who is a criminal lawyer, Ali who practices law at Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben; and Patrick, a music student at the University of Denver.

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PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Personal Injury
- Wrongful Death
- Product Liability
- Construction Site Litigation

## BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- Minnesota State Bar, 1977
- District of Columbia, Court of Appeals 1977
- United States District Court, Minnesota, 1977

## EDUCATION

- William Mitchell College of Law, 1977
- St. Cloud State University (B.A. Political Science), Highest Honors, 1973
- Hastings High School, Hastings, MN, 1970

## JOINED FIRM

- 1980

## PAST EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant to Senator and Vice President Walter F. Mondale, 1975-1978

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Minnesota State Bar Association, Member
- Hennepin County Bar Association, Member
- American Board of Trial Advocates - Minnesota Chapter President, 1999
- Association of Trial Lawyers of American, Member, Minnesota's Governor 1990-1995
- Douglas Amdahl Inn of Court in Minneapolis, Master Member, 1993-2004 - President 1998-1999
- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- Minnesota Association for Justice, Member, President 1986-1987

## HONORS

- Top vote getter, "Super Lawyer" issue, Minnesota Law & Politics Magazine, August 2000 (Out of 23,000 lawyers)
- Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory—A.V. Rated
- "The Best Lawyers in America," Woodward/White, 2001-2007 Editions
- "Super Lawyer," Minnesota Law & Politics, 1991-2007
- "Minnesota's Top Personal Injury Attorney," Minnesota Law & Politics 2001, 2002, 2003
- "Leading Minnesota Attorney," Leading Attorney Network, Inc., 1994-2007
- Member of the Year, Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, 1983
- Certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association, 2002-Present
- Certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, 1986 to Present.
- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- Distinguished Alumni Award, St. Cloud State University, 2002
- Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota, 1985

## SEMINARS

He has spoken at trial lawyers seminars in many states, including Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Nevada, and Hawaii.

- "Winning Closing Arguments," Handling The Automobile Accident Case Seminar, Guest Speaker, MTLA, 1/24/2004
- "What Can the Jury Know About Joint & Several, How it Directly Affects Your Cases," Joint & Several v. Comparative Fault Seminar, Guest Speaker, 10/18/2002
- "Winning Closing Argument," Guest Speaker, Handling the Automobile Accident Case Seminar, MTLA, 4/12/2001
- "Opening Statements," Wrongful Death: Start to Finish, Guest Speaker, MTLA, 1/5/2001

## PUBLICATIONS

- "Opening and Closing Arguments," Brain Injuries, Author, MTLA Magazine, 2000
- "Road Roller are Dangerous Without ROPS," Article Author, 17 Product Liability Law Reporter, August, 1998
- "The Ultimate Trial Notebook," Chapter Author, MSBA, 1997
- "Trying Soft Tissue Injury Case," Author, MTLA Magazine, Fall 1992
- "Damage in Automobile Collisions Cases," Minnesota Motor Vehicle Accident Desk book, Author, MSBA, 1989
- "Effective Opening Statement," Author, MTLA Magazine, 1988
- "The Illustrated Guide to Soft Tissue Neck Injury," Author, Burgess Publishing Co., 1983
- "The Practitioner's Guide to Minnesota Trial Practice," Author, MTLA, 1981
- "Damages for Wrongful Death of a Child," Article Author, MTLA Magazine, Sept. 1978
- "ROPS Revisited," Article Author, MTLA Magazine, Vol.23, No.2

## HOMETOWN

- Hastings, Minnesota