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I like to help people who deserve help. I also like to use my skills as a lawyer to fight for what is right for my clients.

For these reasons, I find it very gratifying to represent individuals and families who have suffered injuries and deaths through no fault of their own and will not receive fair treatment in the legal process unless they have a good attorney on their side.

After more than 30 years of representing hundreds of injury victims in Minnesota and neighboring states, I understand the legal and medical issues that are involved in a wide variety of cases: medical malpractice, motor vehicle collisions, defective products, and many others. Because of the success that I and my firm have had over the years, we are respected by the lawyers and insurance companies who oppose us in these cases. We can often obtain successful settlements, without trial, that attorneys with less experience and reputation would not be able to obtain.

To me one of the greatest satisfactions of being a lawyer is the appreciation of someone I was able to help at a difficult time in their life. Over the years I have been grateful to receive letters from clients with comments such as this one, from a young mother whose husband was electrocuted by an unprotected power company transformer.

"Thank you for working so hard and unselfishly to secure a future for Paige and I. It is easy to see why you are so successful. It is clear to me that you are about a lot more than business. Behind all the huge folders and legal wangling is a man with a strong sense of value and character."

My background is as follows. I was born and raised in Minneapolis and have lived there all of my life. I attended the University of Minnesota for both my undergraduate bachelor of arts (summa cum laude) and my law degree (magna cum laude and editor of the Minnesota Law Review). I teamed up with Jim Schwebel in 1979. I am certified as a civil trial specialist by both the Minnesota State Bar Association and the National Board of Trial Advocacy. I have been recognized in the book "Best Lawyers in America" by Woodward and White from 1994 to the present and as a Super Lawyer by Minnesota Law & Politics from 2003 to the present.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Personal Injury
- Wrongful Death
- Products Liability
- Medical Malpractice

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GOETZ &
SIEBEN

PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- Minnesota State Bar, 1976
- U.S. District Court—Minnesota District, 1976
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1976

EDUCATION

- University of Minnesota Law School, magna cum laude, 1976
- Law Review 1975-1976
- Order of the Coif. Note and Article Editor, 1976
- University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, B.A. summa cum laude, 1973

JOINED FIRM

- 1979

PAST EMPLOYMENT

- Lindquist & Vennum, Minneapolis, MN 1976-1978

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Board of Trial Advocates, Member
- Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- American Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- Minnesota State Bar Association, Member
- Hennepin County Bar Association, Member
- American Arbitration Association, Panel of Arbitrators

HONORS

- Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory -A.V. Rated
- "Top Attorney," Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine, 1999-2007
- "Super Lawyer," Minnesota Law & Politics, 1994-2007
- Top 100 "Super Lawyers" in Minnesota, 2002, 2004
- "Top 40 Personal Injury Attorneys" Minnesota Law & Politics, 2002-2007
- "Leading Minnesota Attorney," Leading Attorney Network, Inc. 1997-2007
- Certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by National Board of Trial Advocacy, 1985-Present
- Certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by Minnesota State Bar Association, 1988-Present
- "The Best Lawyers in America," Woodward/White, 2003-Present

REPORTED DECISIONS

- Tackleson v. Abbott-Northwestern Hosp., 416 N.W.2d 454 (Minn., Dec 11, 1987)
- Burgraff v. Aetna Life & Cas. Co., 346 N.W.2d 627 (Minn., Mar 30, 1984)
- DeCosse v. Armstrong Cork Co., 319 N.W.2d 45 (Minn., May 14, 1982)

SEMINARS & PUBLICATIONS

- National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Boulder, Colorado, 1979
- Prepare for Arbitration: Same as Trial, MTLA Magazine, May/June 1981
- Underinsured Motorist Claims Under the New Uninsured Motorist Provision of the MN No-Fault Act, MTLA Magazine, Dec./Jan. 1980

HOMETOWN

- Minneapolis, Minnesota