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**R**ichard has been a partner at Schwebel Goetz & Sieben since 1991. He was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Richard graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1986, and the same year joined Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben. Today, he is recognized as a National and State Board Certified Civil Trial Specialist. In 1997, Richard also was appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court to serve on the No-Fault Standing Committee.

Richard has represented and fought for thousands of clients in a variety of personal injury cases. His efforts have resulted in numerous multi-million dollar awards and settlements on behalf of his clients. Richard understands the problems that accident victims face, physically, emotionally and economically, and he works hard to ease those strains.

Richard has been given the rank of "Super Lawyer" by Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine every year since 1997. He has also been included as one of the "Top 40 Personal Injury Lawyers in Minnesota" by Minnesota Law & Politics since 2003 and in "The Best Lawyers in America" by Woodward/White from 2005 to the present.

He has been invited to speak at numerous seminars to train both plaintiff and defense attorneys on topics such as insurance coverage, no-fault law, settlement evaluations and trial tactics.

Richard takes a great deal of pride representing his clients, and service has always been the hallmark of his practice. He feels there is no greater compliment paid to a trial lawyer than to get a referral and be asked to represent someone in a time of need.

Richard's practice is limited to cases involving serious injury and wrongful death.

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Personal Injury
- Wrongful death
- No-fault arbitration

## BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- Minnesota State Bar, 1986
- U.S. Federal District Court - District of Minnesota, 1986

## EDUCATION

- William Mitchell School of Law, cum laude, 1986
- University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1983
- DeLaSalle High School, Minneapolis, MN, 1969

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SCHWEBEL  
GOETZ &  
SIEBEN

PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

## JOINED FIRM

- 1986, 1991—shareholder

## PAST EMPLOYMENT

- Licensed Private Investigator (Specializing in trial preparation), 1974-83

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Minnesota Association for Justice, Member, Board of Governors
- American Association for Justice, Member, (2000-present)
- Hennepin County Bar Association, Member
- Minnesota State Bar Association, Member
- American Arbitration Association, Panel of Arbitrators, No-Fault Standing Committee
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum, Member
- Douglas Amdahl Inn of Court-Minneapolis, Member (2000-present)
- Standing Committee on No-Fault Arbitration, Member
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Member
- American Board of Trial Advocates - Member (2000-present)
- Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners Peer Review Committee, (1992-1994)

## HONORS

- Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory—A.V. Rated
- “Super Lawyer,” Minnesota Law & Politics, 1997-2005
- “Top Attorney,” Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine, 1997-2005
- “Top 100 Super Lawyer,” Minnesota Law & Politics, 1999-2005
- “Top 40 Personal Injury Lawyers” in Minnesota, Minnesota Law & Politics, 2003-2005
- “The Best Lawyers in America,” Woodward/White 2005-2006
- Certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, 1999-present
- Certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association, 2000-present

## SEMINARS

- “Brief Opening Statements with a Purpose,” Quicker Is Better: Trying Soft Tissue Cases Quickly, Effectively, Successfully Seminar, Guest Speaker, MTLA, 3/12/2004
- “Going Up! Jury Verdict Trends,” “Back to School – Handling Car Crash Cases,” Guest Speaker, MTLA, 6/30/2003
- “When to Sue,” “THE TOOLBOX: The Mechanics of Trying the Case,” Guest Speaker, MTLA, 6/20/2003
- “Ten Tips to Successfully Try a Soft Tissue Case,” “Putting Them Back Where They Belong: Beating Farmers Insurance at Their Own Game Seminar,” Guest Speaker, MTLA, 1/17/2003
- “Ten Tips to Successfully Try a Soft Tissue Case,” “With Friends Like These? Beating Goliath at Trial,” MTLA, 1/25/2002
- “Overcoming the Myth of Property Damage Importance,” “Persuading the Skeptical: Negotiation and Trial Techniques,” Guest Speaker, MTLA, 5/11/2001
- “Example 1: Summation in Soft Tissue,” “Opening and Closing Arguments,” Guest Speaker, MTLA, 4/6/2001
- “A View From the No-Fault Standing Committee—Insurance Industry,” Complete Insurance Law Course: No-Fault, UM and UIM Law, Guest Speaker, MTLA, 12/1/2000
- “The State of the Union,” “Soft Tissue 2000-Winning in this Millennium,” Guest Speaker, MTLA, 4/7/2000

## PUBLICATIONS

- “No-Fault from Adverse Exam to Arbitration,” Author, MTLA Magazine, Spring 1990
- “No-Fault Adverse Examinations from Notice to Arbitration,” Author, MTLA Magazine, Winter 1990
- “How to Litigate Soft Tissue Cases,” Author, MTLA Magazine, Winter 2000
- “No-Fault, From Notice to Adverse Exam,” Author, Minnesota Trial Lawyer, Fall 1989

## HOMETOWN

- Minneapolis, Minnesota