

Michael Jay Leizerman
3450 West Central Avenue, Suite 328
Toledo, Ohio 43606
michael@leizerman.com
www.TruckAccidents.com



EMPLOYMENT

ATTORNEY 1994-PRESENT
Leizerman & Associates, LLC
Managing Partner

EDUCATION

GRADUATE 2008
Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College *Dubois, Wyoming*

JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.) 1991-94
University of Toledo College of Law *Toledo, Ohio*

BACHELORS DEGREE (A.B.) 1988-1991
University of Michigan *Ann Arbor, Michigan*
Concentrations in philosophy and film & video studies

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE'S PAGE SCHOOL 1985-1986
Congressional Appointment by Rep. John D. Dingell *Washington, D.C.*

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy (recertified 2013, 2018)
Board Certified Civil Pre-Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy
Board Certified Truck Accident Litigation, National Board of Trial Advocacy

LICENSES TO PRACTICE LAW

Ohio (1994), Michigan (1995), Tennessee (1995), Illinois (2017), New York (2017)

Federal District Courts

- Northern District of Ohio
- Southern District of Ohio
- Eastern District of Michigan
- Middle District of Tennessee
- Northern District of Indiana
- Southern District of Texas
- District of New Mexico

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

WORKED ON CASES IN:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada North Carolina, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Adjunct Professor
University of Toledo College of Law

2001-2006

PUBLICATIONS

Litigating Truck Accident Cases, West publishing, 2005, 3 volume treatise (including annual updates)

Handling Motor Vehicle Accident Cases, 2nd Ed., Vol. 3—Truck Accident Litigation chapter, 2004, West Publishing.

Finding Insurance in Truck Crash Cases, Trial Magazine, February 2008. (peer reviewed)

The Zen Lawyer: Winning with Mindfulness, Trial Guides, 2018

HONORS AND RATINGS

AV Preeminent rating—Martindale Hubbell
Avvo Rating 10.0 Superb
The Best Lawyers in America
Super Lawyer

MEMBERSHIPS

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys
Founder and President 2015-present

American Association for Justice (AAJ)
Founding Chairman, Interstate Trucking Litigation Group 2002-03
Executive Board member 2002-present
Public Affairs - Chair (2013-14), member 2013 – present

American Bar Association
Member, Litigation section

Cognitive Neuroscience Society
Member

Motor Vehicle Trial Lawyers Association
Executive Committee

Multi-Million Dollar Advocate Forum
Member

National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys
Member

Ohio Association of Justice
Member

Toledo Bar Association
Past Appointment to Grievance Committee
Appointment to Committee on Character and Fitness - Bar Admissions c. 2006-present
Past appointment to Ethics Advisory Committee

Past appointment to Grievance Investigation Committee

Toledo Area Trial Lawyers
Past President

Trial Lawyers for Public Justice
Member

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS

Interstate Trucking Group of ATLA, Atlanta (July 20, 2002)
Punitive damages in large truck cases

Kiroff Bench/Bar (2003)
Panel member, *What is Justice?* A review of Plato's Republic and Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter from a Birmingham Jail

Trial Techniques (November 21, 2003) Toledo Bar Association
Sample Opening statement using courtroom technology

Toledo Bar Association (September 12, 2003)
Avoiding Malpractice During Settlements – Protecting the Client's Interests

Interstate Trucking Group of ATLA, San Francisco (July 19, 2003)
Moderator

Railroad Law section of ATLA, Boston (July 5, 2004)
Representing the train crew against the railroad and the trucking company

Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Phoenix (October 22, 2004)
Using the internet to research truck accident cases

Interstate Trucking Group of ATLA, Toronto (July 22, 2005)
Using the internet to research truck accident cases

Litigating Truck Accident Cases, Las Vegas (October 21, 2006)
Using the internet to research truck accident cases

American Association for Justice, (national teleseminar, January 23, 2007)
Litigating Truck Collisions: Critical investigation to prove your client's case

Interstate Trucking Group of ATLA, Chicago (June 22, 2007)
Internet primer; finding additional coverage in truck accident cases

Tennessee Association for Justice, Nashville (October 5, 2007)
Punitive damages in large truck cases

Arkansas Trial Lawyer's Association, Arkansas (November 2, 2007)
Internet discovery in truck cases; trucking insurance coverage

American Association for Justice, New Orleans (February 8, 2008)
Statutory violations in truck litigation

American Association for Justice, Philadelphia (July 12, 2008)
Finding insurance in truck litigation

West Legal Center/Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America,
National teleseminar, Finding insurance in truck cases (August 4, 2009)

American Association for Justice Trucking College, Atlanta (October 9-12, 2009)
Discovery presentation, SafeStat/CSA presentation, instructor

Arkansas Trial Lawyer's Association, Arkansas (November 13, 2009)
Cognitive science in truck litigation

Litigating Truck Collision Cases Seminar, New Orleans (February 26, 2010)
Dealing with the standard defenses in a trucking case

Litigating Truck Collision Cases Seminar, Las Vegas (October 9, 2010)
Insurance coverage in truck cases

Litigating Truck Collision Cases: "Rules," "Reptiles," & Experts Seminar, Atlanta
Maximizing damages in a trucking collision case using Rules, Reptiles, and Experts
(May 20, 2011)

Trucking Litigation Exposed, New Orleans (June 14, 2011)
Shifting Cargo cases

American Association for Justice National Convention, New York (July 11, 2011)
Persuasion at Trial from Aristotle to fMRI

American Association for Justice Trucking College, Kansas City (September 21-24, 2011)
Using metaphor focus groups in truck accident cases

Strafford Publishing Webinar, Litigating Trucking Accident Injury Claims (April 11, 2012)
Evaluating Common Causes of Accidents and Mastering Liability Theories

New Jersey Association for Justice (April 26, 27, 2012)
Using Technology at Trial
Truck Case Jurisdiction & Insurance Coverage – Parties and Strategies

Ohio Association for Justice (May 4, 2012)
Finding All the Insurance Coverage and Defendants

California Truck Accident Seminar (May 19, 2012)
Climbing Inside the Skin of the Truck Driver, and
Demonstration of Psychodramatic Technique in Trucking Cases (with Joe Fried)

360 Advocacy – How to Win Trucking Cases National Seminar, Las Vegas (August 27-29)
Distracted Driving—Cell Phone Use, Hours of Service, Log Audit and Fatigue, and
Closing Argument—Asking for the Money

Ohio Association for Justice Trucking Seminar (September 13, 2012)
Examining the Truck Driver and Safety Director

Arizona Association for Justice Advanced Trial Advocacy Conference (October 26, 2012)
Maximizing Damages

Advanced Motor Vehicle Litigation National Conference, Las Vegas (November 18, 2012)
Finding all the Insurance Coverage in Trucking Cases

Pincus National Trucking Webinar (January 15, 2013)
Avoiding Eleven Common Mistakes in Trucking Cases

Strafford National Webinar (April 18, 2013)
Litigating Truck Accident Injury Claims

Ohio Association for Justice Annual Convention, Columbus (May 3, 2013)
Exposing the Roots of a Truck Case

American Association for Justice Broker/Shipper Cases, San Diego (June 21-22, 2013)
Discussion of law and trial techniques

American Association for Justice Annual Convention, San Francisco (July 23, 2013)
Trial Warrior—Using Virtue to be More Effective at Trial

MyLawCLE Live Video Feed National Simulcast, Philadelphia (July 29, 2013)
A Plaintiff's Primer on Truck Accident Litigation

Ohio Association for Justice Trucking Safety Seminar, Toledo (September 17, 2013)
Using Psychodrama in Truck Accident Cases

360 Advocacy—How to Win Trucking Cases National Seminar, Las Vegas (Nov. 5, 2013)
Closing Argument—Asking for the Money

Strafford Webinar—Evidence Preservation in Truck Injury Cases (April 1, 2014)
Letters of Preservation and Claims for Spoliation

Chicago Bar Association—Building Your Practice through Referrals (May 1, 2014)
Building a National Practice

Ohio Association for Justice Annual Convention, Columbus (May 8, 2014)
Priceless Does Not Mean Valueless

360 Advocacy Advanced Motor Vehicle Seminar, Chicago (September 28-29, 2014)
Consortium Claims in Severe Automobile Collisions

3 Cores Seminar (October 16-19, 2014)
Various topics

360 Advocacy—How to Win Trucking Cases, Las Vegas (October 20, 2014)
U-turn Cases and Using Psychodrama in Truck Cases (live demonstration)

National Business Institute—Truck Accident Litigation 101 National Webinar (Dec 17, 2014)
Settlement Negotiation and Trial of a Truck Accident Case

Strafford—Litigating Trucking Accident Claims National Webinar (January 15, 2015)
Overview of liability, discovery and finding all the parties

360 Advocacy Advanced Motor Vehicle Seminar, Las Vegas (March 23, 2015)
Consortium Claims in Severe Automobile Collisions

American Association for Justice, New Orleans (May 1, 2015)
The Zen Approach to Trucking Litigation

Kentucky Association for Justice, Louisville (June 5, 2015)
Opening Statement in Truck Accident Cases

American Association for Justice, Montreal (July 11, 2015)
Opening Statement in Truck Accident Cases

Strafford Webinar (September 10, 2015)
Preserving Evidence in Trucking Injury Cases

Ohio Association for Justice Trucking Safety Seminar (September 17, 2015)
Using the CDL Manual at Deposition and Trial

3 Cores Seminar, Aspen, Colorado (October 22-25)
Various Topics

National Business Institute, Toledo OH (October 28, 2015)
Truck Accident Litigation from A to Z

360 Advocacy Program, Las Vegas, Nevada (November 1-3, 2015)
Disabled Vehicle Impact Cases and Closing Argument

Iowa Association for Justice, Des Moines, Iowa (November 5-6, 2015)
Zen and Trial Lawyering

Strafford Webinar (February 10, 2016)
Preserving Evidence in Trucking Injury Cases

U.S. Law Annual Convention (April 9, 2016)

American Association for Justice, New Orleans (April 21, 2016)
Getting to the Core Truth

Arkansas Trial Lawyers' Association, Arkansas (April 29, 2016)
Getting to the Core Truth

Core Method Workshop, Chicago (May 4-7, 2016)
Various topics

Core Method Workshop, San Francisco (September 7-11, 2016)
Various topics

Ohio Association for Justice, Columbus (September 22, 2016)
Tire primer in Truck Accident Cases

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys, Nashville (September 28-30, 2016)
History of Trucking Safety, Tying together Opening and Closing in Truck Cases

Michigan Association for Justice, Webinar (December 7, 2016)
Keys to an Eight-Figure Settlement or Verdict in Truck-Crash Litigation

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys webinar (December 14, 2016)
Tire and Wheel Issues in Truck Cases

Louisiana Association for Justice, New Orleans (December 15, 2016)
The Zen Lawyer: Winning with Mindfulness

National Trial Lawyers Summit, Miami (February 8, 2017)
Moderator and speaker, Getting to the Core Truth: Slashing Away Defenses

Academy of Truck Accident Attorney-Truck Crash Trial Skills, Houston (March 17-18, 2017)
Moderator and presenter

Core Method Workshop, Toledo (May 11-14, 2017)
Moderator and presenter, various topics

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys webinar (May 17, 2017)
Opening Statement in a Truck Crash Trial

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys webinar (July 19, 2017)
Representing the Truck Driver Hit by Another Truck Driver

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys webinar (September 6, 2017)
Understanding Truck Crash Reports and Out-Of-Service Violations

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys, Nashville (September 17-19, 2017)
Focus Groups in Trucking Cases

Strafford Webinar—Evidence Preservation in Truck Injury Cases (September 26, 2017)
Letters of Preservation and Claims for Spoliation

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (November 4, 2017)
Opening Statements and Closing Arguments in Truck Crash Cases

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys webinar (January 17, 2018)
Cruise Control Issues in Trucking Cases

National Trial Lawyers Summit Winning Truck Crash Cases, Miami (February 7, 2017)
Moderator and speaker, Finding All the Parties and Insurance

Strafford—Litigating Trucking Accident Claims National Webinar (March 13, 2018)
Overview of liability, discovery and finding all the parties

American Association for Justice Trucking College, Phoenix, AZ (March 22-24, 2018)
Demonstrative Evidence in Trucking Cases

Ohio Association for Justice Annual Convention, Columbus (May 4, 2018)
Winning with the Core Truths

Michigan Association for Justice, Annual convention (May 11, 2018)
Getting to the Logical Core Truth

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys webinar (May 16, 2018)
Nine Things to Do Before Settling a Truck Crash Case

ATAA/Legacy Truck Driving Course for Lawyers, Boseman, MT (Aug 13-15, 2018)
Practical Use of Post-Crash Data

Zen Lawyer Workshop, Toledo, OH (Aug 23-26, 2018)
Multiple presentations

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys, Nashville, TN (September 20-22, 2018)
Deposing the Truck Driver—Art and Science; Arguing Grief

Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, Indianapolis, IN (September 26, 2018)
Full Day Presentation on The Zen Lawyer Core Method

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys- Trial Skills, Austin, TX (October 11-13, 2018)
Moderator and presenter

Ohio Association for Justice Convention, Columbus (October 26, 2018)
Plenary Speaker—Damages: Priceless is Not Valueless

MyLawCLE Live Video Feed National Simulcast, Miami, FL (October 31, 2018)
Trucking Litigation Standards of Care; Nine Things to Do Before Settling

Trial Guides Trucking Litigation *What's Your 20?* Scottsdale, AZ (Nov. 8-10, 2018)
Understanding Key Documents, Bad Weather Cases, Side Swipe Cases, Deposing the Truck Driver

National Board of Trial Advocacy All Star Conferences, New Orleans, LA (Nov. 9, 2018)
Understanding Post-Crash Investigation Data

American Association for Justice Trucking Litigation Group, Wash, DC (Nov 29, 2018)
The Use of Aggravated Liability Facts and Punitive Damages in Trucking Trials

Clear Law Institute, Litigating Truck Accident Cases, Webinar (Dec. 3, 2018)
Standards of Care in Trucking Cases; Post-Crash Data

The Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Ultimate Trial Notebook (Dec. 6, 2018)
Conducting Focus Groups

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys webinar (January 16, 201)
Handling Non-Catastrophic Truck Crash Cases

National Trial Lawyers Summit Winning Truck Crash Cases, Miami (January 23, 2019)
Moderator and speaker, Using Post-Crash Data in Truck Cases

Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Winning with Mindfulness, (January 26, 2019)
full day workshop; sole speaker

West Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, (Feb. 1, 2019) *invited*
Getting the Logical Core Truth in Trucking Cases

MEDIA APPEARANCES

WTOL CBS11 Toledo, *Rolling Trouble* Interview (2008)

The Dave Nemo Show, Interview on Road Dog Radio, Sirius XM (June 26, 2013)

KNXV ABC15 *Family of DPS Officer Killed in I-8 Crash Suing Big Rig Driver, Truck Company* (Dec 12, 2013)

CNBC *Can Truck Companies Clear Their Dirty Safety Record?* (July 30, 2014)

Champions of Justice Radio Broadcast, Glendale CA (July 26, 2016)

Trial Guides Live Fireside Chat, National Video Broadcast (May 29, 2018)
The Zen Lawyer

GOVERNMENTAL TESTIMONY

It's Time to Adjust Federal Minimum Insurance Levels (May 19, 2014)
Testimony to Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee

PERSONAL

Wife: Rena; Sons: Kegan and Daniel