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Admissions

Massachusetts
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Education

University of San Diego School of Law, J.D. (1994)
Providence College, B.A., Liberal Arts Honors Program (1991)

Industry Focus

Mesothelioma
Lung Cancer and other asbestos related disease
Pharmaceutical drugs and devices

I founded Shepard Law on the principle that personal relationships matter. We represent real people who are suffering from serious injuries. Our clients aren't familiar with the way the legal system works, and never planned to be dealing with the problems that they suddenly have to face. They don't care about the big firm lawyer with the expensive suit. They want someone to talk to them like a real person, to listen to their story and understand what they are going through. They want to be heard, and to get help that is tailored to their situation, rather than be treated like an asset that is passed off to another law firm.

For over 20 years, I have represented plaintiffs in personal injury cases involving mesothelioma, lung cancer and other asbestos-related diseases, pharmaceutical drugs and devices, train accidents, aviation products liability, power tool products liability, ambulance accidents, gas tank explosions, diesel fume exposures, and smoking-related lung cancer. Every year, my firm achieves millions of dollars in verdicts or settlements for clients. Along the way, I have come to know some wonderful people who have gone through some extremely difficult ordeals. I've had a chance to spend time with WWII veterans, construction workers, mechanics, and folks from many other trades and occupations whom I might not have had a chance to help had I chosen another career path. I have learned something from each and every one of them. If you choose to partner with us at Shepard Law, I look forward to learning something from you too.

"I could tell that Mike took things very personally and was invested... attorneys were always very accessible. Staff was very helpful and cordial."

John Doe v. Northrop Grumman, et al.: represented a former Navy aircraft mechanic who developed mesothelioma as a result of exposure to asbestos from aircraft brakes and component parts. Case settled shortly after trial started for significant seven-figure sum.

Seang v. Armstrong Ambulance: Two ambulance occupants sued after the ambulance they were being transported in slammed into a disabled car on an interstate highway, causing serious personal injuries. Case tried to a jury in Suffolk Superior Court, Boston. \$6.4 million verdict, over \$8 million with pre-judgment interest.

John Doe v. Borg Warner, et al.: A paper mill worker developed mesothelioma as a result of exposure to asbestos in a paper mill that was manufacturing asbestos-containing friction paper.

John Doe v. Boeing, et al.: Career USAF aircraft mechanic developed mesothelioma as a result of exposure to asbestos from aircraft component parts. Case settled day of trial for significant seven-figure sum.

John Doe v. Crane Co, et al.: Represented former Navy machinist-mate who developed mesothelioma as a result of exposure to asbestos on board Navy ships. Case settled just prior to trial for significant seven-figure sum.

John Doe v. Takeda Pharmaceutical Company: Represented person who developed bladder cancer after taking drug Actos for many years. Case settled as part of nationwide settlement.

Seminars/Events

AAJ webinar, "Litigating Aircraft Asbestos Exposure Cases" (2011)
BBA Seminar, "How to Bring and Defend Toxic Exposure Cases" (2012)

Charity affiliations

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Mass Bay
Cradles to Crayons
Greater Boston Food Bank
Friends of Boston's Homeless
Rosie's Place
Pine Street Inn