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BIOGRAPHY

I founded Shepard Law on the principle that personal relationships matter. We represent real people who are suffering from serious injuries. Our clients usually aren't familiar with the way the legal system works—they never planned to be dealing with the problems that they suddenly have to face. They want someone to talk to them in plain language like a real person, someone who will listen to their story and who understands what they're going through. They want to be heard—to get help

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EDUCATION

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

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts
- Connecticut

tailored to their unique situation, not be treated like an asset that's passed off to another law firm. I've made it a personal promise that no client will ever feel that way when they work with myself or any of the attorneys at Shepard Law.

For over 25 years, I've represented plaintiffs in personal injury cases. And every year, my firm achieves millions of dollars in verdicts or settlements for clients. Along the way, I've come to know wonderful people who have gone through some extremely difficult ordeals. I've had the 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 meet, let alone help, had I chosen another career path. I've 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.

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

- AAJ Webinar, "Litigating Aircraft Asbestos Exposure Cases", 2011
- BBA Seminar, "How to Bring and Defend Toxic Exposure Cases", 2012
- Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel in the Massachusetts State Court Asbestos Litigation Docket, 2017 – Present

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Massachusetts Super Lawyer, 2011 – 2019
- National Trial Lawyers Top 100, 2013 – 2019
- Massachusetts Lawyer of the Year, 2018

PAST REPRESENTATION

- \$43.1 million verdict in Summerlin v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.
- Plaintiff v. Warren Pumps, et al.: Represented a career pipefitter at a New Hampshire paper mill who developed mesothelioma as a result of exposure to asbestos from pumps, valves, steam traps and other equipment at the paper mill. The case was prepared for trial in Massachusetts state court, and settled on the eve of trial for several million dollars.
- Plaintiff 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 the 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-judgement interest.
- Plaintiff 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.
- Plaintiff v. Boeing, et al.: Career USAF aircraft mechanic developed mesothelioma as a result of exposure to asbestos from aircraft component parts. Case settled the day of trial for significant seven-figure sum.
- Plaintiff v. Crane Co, et al.: Represented a former Navy machinist-mate who developed mesothelioma as a result of exposure to asbestos onboard Navy ships. Case settled just prior to trial for significant seven-figure sum.