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#### **EXPERT WITNESS CASE LOG (10/25)**

The following are representative cases in which Gil Fried has been personally retained as an expert witness or which he provided consulting/litigation management services.

- 1) Baseball case- Assisted plaintiff counsel in a case brought by a pitcher against the Cincinnati Reds for personal injury during a baseball try-out. Provided economic analysis concerning potential income and damages estimation. 1993 (Wattenbarger v. Cincinnati Reds, Inc., 28 Cal. App. 4th 746 (1994))
- 2) Boxing case- Assisted a fitness facility sued by a professional boxer who injured himself on a stair climbing machine. Provided economic analysis concerning potential income and damages estimation. 1994
- Track and field case- Assisted a plaintiff's counsel whose client was hit in the head with a shot put. Provided a court filed affidavit in defense of a summary judgment motion relating to government immunity and whether leaving shot-put lying around constituted gross negligence.
- 4) Stadium safety cases- Assisted the University of Wisconsin in defending 11 cases brought by fans injured in a stampede during the 1993 Michigan v. Wisconsin football game. Provide complete case evaluation assistance and served as the exclusive expert witness concerning liability, stadium security and proper security procedures. 1995-1996
- 5) In-line skating case- Assisted a plaintiff injured in an in-line skating accident in her suit against the retailer. Provided complete case evaluation assistance and six hours of on-the-stand testimony. 1996
- 6) Fitness facility case- Assisted a Bally's fitness club in a case brought by a racquetball player who slipped on a court. Provided case evaluation and risk management consultation. 1997
- 7) Wrongful death case- Assisted the plaintiff in overcoming summary judgment motion concerning the death of a college football player at Alabama State University. Analyzed applicability of NCAA regulations to show a violation of ministerial obligations in order to overcome immunity defense which helped lead to a settlement. 1997

- 8) Logo dispute-Provided consulting services for a case brought by an artist against the Houston Rockets for failing to pay promised prizes. Provided valuation information concerning future value of licensed sporting goods sales. 1997
- 9) First amendment dispute-Helped defendant high school obtain appropriate expert witness and helped prepare the witness to defend against a suit brought by a disgruntled former high school athlete and his parents. 1998.
- 10) Sexual abuse case-Helped the plaintiff (six-year-old boy) as a litigation consultant and expert witness on risk management techniques to prevent sexual abuse. The case was brought against a school where the child was assaulted and raised negligent retention claims. 1998.
- Wrongful death-Helped the plaintiff in analyzing the standard of care exercised by a night club owner where inadequate parking contributed to the decedent's death. Assisted in identifying additional expert witnesses. 1998.
- 12) Basketball injury valuation-Helped a defendant analyze the potential lost wages which could be anticipated by a professional basketball player who was injured on a charter airline flight. Assisted in identifying additional expert witnesses. Analysis led to a settlement over \$20 million lower than the initial demand. 1998.
- 13) Gymnastic injury analysis- Helped a plaintiff settle a case involving improper supervision and placement of a balance beam. 1999.
- 14) Archery case- Helped a plaintiff's attorney in establishing standards for designing and managing an archery shooting competition. Provided testimony through a telephone deposition. 1999-2001.
- 15) Basketball Paraplegia case- Helping defendants analyze basketball flooring concerns associated with a slip/trip and fall case that resulted in paraplegia. Provided all phases of discovery analysis and examined flooring "sweat" and ventilation issues. Telephone deposition given and cited in published appellate court decision. 2000-2003.
- 16) Soccer stampede case- Help the plaintiff analyze liability issues associated with a stampede at a Major League Soccer game. 2000-2002.
- 17) Baseball spectator injury case- Worked with a plaintiff's attorney to establish new standards for spectator injuries and to attack the assumption of risk doctrine as it applies to numerous distraction which takes the spectator's eyes off the game. Cited in published court opinion. 2000-present.
- 18) Gymnasium heat induced heart attack case- helped the defense establish proper industry standard for non-air-conditioned gymnasium and utilized mathematical formulas to calculate appropriate ventilation, air flow patterns and related analysis. 2000-2004.

- 19) Softball bat injury case- Worked with a plaintiff's layer on a case involving a bat that ruptured during play and a one-foot section went into the stands hitting a spectator in the head. Facility did not provide sufficient screening to protect patrons. 2000-2001.
- 20) Participant brawl in softball game- Worked with the defense attorney representing the softball complex and a national softball association regarding potential liability for a fight that occurred in a game with some people being seriously injured by other players using bats. 2000-2002.
- 21) Softball tournament activities- Worked with a plaintiff's lawyer to examine the duty owed to youth participants who travel to a tournament and get injured between games. 2003.
- 22) Recreation Paraplegia case- Expert for defense in a case involving a mountain biker who was injured when he went off trail and sued for failure to maintain and warn. 2003-2005.
- 23) Hockey puck cases- Worked with several attorneys in Michigan and Georgia on plaintiff cases involving fans injured when hit by foul pucks. 2002-2003.
- Broken bat case- Worked with plaintiff's attorneys to examine issues associated with the safest areas in a ball park to determine if MLB or stadiums conducted any research to determine what is the most dangerous part of the park and to then install appropriate screening. 2003-2007.
- 25) Football spring training case- Worked with attorney for 8<sup>th</sup> grade student injured in spring high school drill. Issue revolved around coach's activities and violation of high school athletic association rules against contact. Deposition given. 2003-2008.
- 26) Football spectator injury case- Worked with plaintiff's attorney for a case involving an elderly gentleman hit by high school football player going out of bounds. Issue revolved around adequacy of supervision and lack of room for spectators. 2003-2004.
- 27) Basketball brawl- Worked for a plaintiff attorney on a case where a participant was punched and seriously injured. Issue focused around rule enforcement and waivers not signed by participants. 2004.
- 28) Football Spectator injury case- Worked with plaintiff's attorney in a case involving a volunteer pulled from the stands to serve as a sideline judge and then was injured by a youth player going out of bounds. 2004-2006.
- 29) Baseball spectator case- Hired by plaintiffs lawyer for a case involving a youth baseball game where a parent came from the stands after being asked in the middle of a game by a coach to warm-up a new pitcher. Severe "walking dead," injury. 2004.
- 30) Mosh-pit case- Hired by defense to access crowd management procedures and "standards" when a plaintiff was severely injured in an alleged mosh-pit crushing accident. 2004.

- 31) Mosh-pit case- Hired by defense to access crowd management procedures and "standards" when a plaintiff was severely injured in an alleged crushing accident. 2004-2005.
- 32) Alcohol service case- Hired by defense for concessionaire regarding standards/practices related to alcohol service at NFL games. High exposure case where jury returned a verdict over \$100 million, Jury verdict overturned on appeal. 2004-2006.
- 33) Goal post case- Hired by defense to examine liability associated with goal post manufacturer when a goal post was torn down at a Ball State football game. 2004-2005.
- Negligent Promotion case- Hired by plaintiff attorney in a case where a fan was injured when another fan dove for a free promotion given out at Bank One Ballpark. 2005-2006.
- Foul Ball case- Hired by plaintiff's lawyer in a foul ball case where she was hit during batting practice and did not know that she could ask for screened seats at a Yankees game. 2005.
- Mud Sliding case- Hired by defense in a case where an intoxicated fan at a country music concert dove into water and hit his head, causing quadriplegia. 2005.
- 37) Crowd accident case- Hired by defense attorneys for a fan's injuries that occurred at a KISS concert in FL. 2005.
- 38) Facility Security case- Hired by defense counsel in a case involving security procedures/training for a belligerent ticket purchaser at a concert venue. 2005.
- 39) Mosh Pit case- Hired by defense counsel for a case involving a youth who jumped into a mosh pit and injured another patron. 2005-2006.
- 40) Crowd rush case- Hired by defense counsel for school district when fans ran onto a basketball court and a player was injured. High caliber case involving national media exposure. 2005-2006.
- Negligent security case- Hired by plaintiffs' counsel in a case where a patron brought a knife into a night club and stabbed a patron. 2006.
- Negligent security case- Hired by plaintiffs' counsel in a case where a patron brought a knife into a night club and stabbed/killed several patron(s). 2006-2007.
- 43) Collegiate athletics- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a coaching termination case involving various claims. 2006-2009.
- Hockey Brawl- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case involving an on-ice fight between hockey players. 2006.
- 45) Baseball player v. fan altercation- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a MLB pitcher threw a chair into the stands and hit a fan. This was a high visibility case with significant

media attention and helped the Plaintiff receive a very favorable settlement based on negligent supervision/retention. 2006-2007.

- Hockey Puck injury case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel regarding a case where the fan was sitting in the first row behind the glass dasher board, but was still hit by a puck. 2007-2008.
- Negligent design of recreational facility. Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case involving negligent design of a laser tag gaming area with a heavy bag placed in the middle of a path. 2007.
- 48) Negligent Hockey Promotion. Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a youth hockey organization was involved in a chuck-a-puck fundraising event and the plaintiff was hit in the head by one of the bucks. 2008-2009.
- 49) Facility negligence case-Hockey puck. Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case involving a plaintiff hit by a puck in the stands. 2008-2009.
- 50) Facility negligence case- Hockey puck. Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a puck left the ice and flew between doors to hit a spectator outside the viewing area. 2008-2009.
- Negligent facility set-up. Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a field hockey game was negligently set-up with a tripping hazard. 2008-2010.
- 52) Negligence hockey puck case. Hired by defense counsel in a case where a fan was sitting in an unprotected area of a hockey rink. 2008.
- 53) Crowd management case. Hired by defense counsel in a case at a major sport facility where a patron was injured when a fan fell on her. 2008-2010. Testified at trial and won a defense verdict.
- 54) Foul Ball Case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a plaintiff was injured in a picnic area. 2008-present
- Negligent Training- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a store employee did not properly educate/monitor a customer using a treadmill that threw the customer. 2008-2009.
- 56) Crowd management case. Hired by defense counsel in a case where a crowd movement injured several fans at an open air festival where Tool was playing. 2009.
- 57) Crowd management case. Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where an altercation broke out at a rock concert in Canada and a fan fell on top of another fan rendering one fan a quadriplegic. 2009-2011.
- 58) Crowd management case. Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where an entertainment establishment did not properly control a mass entry into a facility and a patron was knocked down. 2009.

- 59) Crowd management case. Hired by defense counsel in a case where a band member of an opening act allegedly tossed a bottle into the audience hitting a patron in the head. 2009-2011.
- 60) Crowd management case. Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where ushers did not properly guide a patron to their seat and they fell during a lights-out period of a show. 2009.
- Alcohol liability case. Hired by defense counsel in a case where an intoxicated patron was in a deadly automobile accident after leaving a college basketball game at MSG. 2009.
- 62) Crowd management case. Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where an argument at an amusement park ride entry point led to a large fight at the ride's exit. 2009-2011. Defense Verdict.
- 63) Crowd management case. Hired by defense counsel in a case at the Meadowlands where a fight broke out at an NFL game and fan was allegedly injured by the fighters. 2009-2010.
- 64) Hockey puck- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a puck went through a set of doors and exited the other side hitting someone in the head. 2009-2011.
- 65) Errant Ball case. Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a ball went between two nets during warm-up hitting a young child in the head. 2009-2014. In 2012 when not disclosed, hired by Defense counsel.
- 66) Crowd Management case-Hired by a large store chain in a case involving an alleged crowd rush at a Black Friday sale event. 2010-2012.
- 67) Crowd Management- Hired by defense for a fan that was injured in a dome sports facility while watching a football combine. 2010.
- 68) Crowd management case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case involving a fan who fell on another fan injuring them at a MLB stadium. 2010.
- 69) Crowd Management Case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a crowd surfer was dropped on a fan. 2010.
- 70) Rule Development- Hired by defense counsel for a national educational association after an injured player claimed that the educational program/association should have somehow prevented the injury. 2010-2012.
- 71) Spectator Injury Case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a fan was hit by a volleyball during a major tournament. 2010-2011.
- Participant Injury Case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a player allegedly tripped on divider netting during a volleyball tournament. 2010-2012. Trial verdict for defense.

- 73) Participant Injury Case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a player was injured during a football combine when he was hit in mid-air by another participant and whether combine participants should have warn helmet. 2010-2011. Testified at trial-Defense Verdict
- 74) Damages Case- Hired by defense counsel to ascertain the potential future value of a basketball player injured during a workout. 2010-2011.
- 75) Crowd Management Case- Hired by defense counsel for a large sport complex for claims associated with injury to patrons on an escalator that malfunctioned after an NFL football game. 2010-2012.
- 76) Crowd Management Case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a fan was attacked at a major stadium after complaining twice about other fan conduct and ushers did nothing in response. 2011-2013.
- 77) Foul Ball case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a boy was hit by a foul ball while sitting in a picnic area. 2011-2013.
- 78) Baseball case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a ball went through a "L" screen striking a pitcher in the eye. 2011-2013.
- 79) Soccer Facility case- Hired by Defense (both referee and facility) in a case where a player dove to block a shot and broke another player's leg. 2011-2012.
- 80) Baseball Traumatic Injury Case- Hired by defense (bat manufacturer) in a case where a ball hit a child's heart causing heart stoppage and sever brain damage. 2011-2012. Case made national news.
- 81) Basketball boundary case- Hired by defense in a case where a recreational basketball player went out of bounds and ran into a desk. 2011-2012.
- Physio Ball case- Hired by defense in a case where a weight lifter was working out on a physio ball and it ruptured. Represented the fitness club where the incident occurred. 2011-Unknown.
- 83) Spectator Death case-Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a spectator fell to his death while leaving a concert at a major arena. 2011. Testified at Trial.
- 84) Crowd Management case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a security guard was injured by a crowd surfer coming over a barrier. 2011- 2016.
- 85) Crowd Management case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel for a small venue concert case where an obese concert goer dove off the stage landing on an unaware patron. 2011- Unknown.
- 86) Sport Participation case- Hired by defense counsel in a race case where a participant was injured and became quadriplegic after diving into a mud pit. 2011-2013.

- 87) Baseball Case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a child slid into a base and was injured. 2011- Unknown.
- 88) Sport Participation case- Hired by plaintiff counsel to assist in a race case where a participant was injured entering a mud pit. 2012-2014.
- 89) Concert Case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where the plaintiff was involved in a mosh pit altercation and claimed he was battered by security personnel. 2012. Deposition.
- 90) Fan violence case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a nationally recognized case where a San Francisco Giants fan was attacked in the Los Angeles Dodger's parking lot. 2012-2014. Deposition and Trial
- 91) Medical aid case- Hired by defense counsel for a youth sport organization regarding medical care for a youth sport participant. 2012-2013.
- 92) Facility safety/security- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a spectator at a multi-day auto racing event was attacked in a family area. 2012-2014.
- 93) Crowd management/ADA case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where an obese fan broke a chair he was sitting on and claimed the facility should have provided stronger chairs/training under the ADA. 2012-2013.
- 94) Crowd movement case- Hired by Plaintiff counsel in a case where a plaintiff fell while descending crowded stairs on the way to Waterfire in Providence, RI. 2012-2014.
- 95) Crowd Management Case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan was assaulted by other fans while leaving an MLS soccer game. 2013.
- Facility Safety- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a soccer player was pushed and landed on a track demarcation ring and sued claiming a violation of the buffer zone. 2013.
- 97) Foul Ball case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan was hit by a foul ball while in a dedicated party area. 2013. Deposition
- 98) Sport Violence case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a professional baseball player allegedly hit an opposing player with a bat and the team was sued claiming they should not have hired him due to an alleged propensity for violence. 2013-2014. Deposition
- 99) Sport facility case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a person injured his leg on a base at a whiffle ball facility and claimed there should have been a break-away base. 2013.
- 100) Crowd management case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a patron was injured at a crowd surge associated with a music component of a special event. 2013.

- 101) Buffer Zone case- Hired by defense counsel to help review industry standards and help with settlement talks in a case where a basketball player collided with a wall beyond the buffer zone range. 2013.
- 102) Crowd management- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a car shopper was hit by a vehicle being moved to the auction area. 2013.
- 103) Foul ball case- advised plaintiff attorney in a case where a foul ball pushed a screen behind home plate and hit a hawker selling beer in the second row. 2013.
- 104) Foul Ball case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a fan was hit by a ball during BP at a MLB ballpark while watching another ball hit into the outfield. 2013-2014
- Netting case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a golf ball went over a net separating a golf course from a miniature golf course and hit a woman in the head. 2013.
- 106) Padding case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a young climber fell while free climbing and landed on approximately one foot of padding. 2013.
- 107) Buffer zone- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a basketball player slipped on some divider netting around a foot from a basketball court end-line. 2013-2014.
- 108) Security Preparation- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a Black Friday shopper was shot in the parking lot at a major retail store. 2013-2014.
- 109) Zip Line- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a participant in a "mud run" fell while descending a zip line to a lake. 2014.
- Buffer zone- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a tennis fence was situated around ten feet from the court end line. 2014-present.
- 111) Medical Care- Hired by defense counsel in a case where negligent training was alleged against a health club staff in providing emergency medical care. 2014.
- 112) Night club fight- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a fight broke out in a bar and the claim was for negligent provision of security. 2014
- 113) Stadium Safety- Hired by defense counsel in a case where several individuals were hit by a driver leaving a major stadium after an international soccer match. 2014-2015.
- 114) Stadium Safety- Hired by defense counsel in a case where an NFL fan was allegedly assaulted in the parking lot by rival fans. 2014.
- 115) Sport Supervision case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a camper was injured playing baseball at a university sport camp. 2014. Defense verdict at trial.

- 116) Facility safety case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a basketball player claimed his injury was due to a transition strip between floors beyond the basketball court's endline. 2014-2015. Defense trial verdict.
- 117) Facility safety case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a spectator was injured at a batting cage when standing next to the screen. 2014-2016.
- 118) Pedestrian safety case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a child was killed crossing the street going to an arena. 2014-present.
- 119) Crowd safety case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a fan was assaulted by other fans after an international soccer match at a major stadium. 2014-2015.
- 120) Crowd safety case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a fan fell while descending stairs and claimed construction defects and crowd management related claims. 2014-2015.
- 121) Sport facility safety case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a softball player died going over a fence chasing after a ball. 2015.
- 122) Sport Facility Safety- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a bowling alley misapplied oil to the lanes and a patron was injured when she slipped on the oil. 2015.
- 123) Crowd Management- Hired by defense counsel in a case involving a plaintiff bumped into by another patron at a country music concert. 2015.
- 124) Facility Safety Case- Hired to be the expert witness for all state court plaintiffs in the Aurora, CO theater shooting case. 2015-2016. Deposition and Trial
- 125) Facility Safety- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan fell/slipped/tripped descending down a ramp at an MLB stadium due to trash accumulation. 2015-Unknown.
- 126) Facility Safety- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a basketball player went out of bounds and the plaintiff's expert alleged a specific required buffer zone. 2015-present. Deposition
- 127) Facility Safety- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a baseball went through a batting cage net hitting a patron. 2015-2017.
- 128) Parking Lot Safety- Hired by plaintiffs' counsel in a case where fans were raising a flag in an NFL parking lot and were electrocuted by arc from low hanging power lines. 2015-2016.
- 129) Facility safety- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a parent was hit in the eye by a ball at a batting cage. 2015.
- 130) Crowd management- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan was assaulted in the bathroom of an NFL stadium. 2015-2018.

- 131) Fan violence- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan was assaulted in an elevator at an opening day game at an MLB stadium. 2015-2016.
- 132) Foul Ball cases- Hired or Consulted with Plaintiff counsels in several cases where a fan was hit by a foul ball at an MLB stadium including a class action suit. 2015-2016.
- 133) Stadium Safety- Coordinated with various plaintiff counsel in a class action case against MLB to change netting requirements to enhance protection for fans. 2015-2016.
- 134) Crowd Management- Hired by defense counsel for security company in an alleged crowd related issue close to the opening of a water park. 2015-2016.
- 135) Crowd Management- Hired by defense counsel for a large concert promoter to handle a parking lot fight case. 2015-2016.
- 136) Baseball safety- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a dugout screen did not provide enough protection and a child was hit by a foul ball while in the dugout. 2015-2018. Plaintiff Verdict of \$1.7 mil.
- 137) Fitness Case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where fitness equipment was improperly placed/maintained resulting in the plaintiff's injuries. 2015-present.
- 138) Facility safety- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a trampoline park injury case associated with facility design and policy/procedure issues. 2015-2016. Deposition
- 139) Obstacle race safety- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a participant in an obstacle race passed away during the event. 2015-present.
- 140) Batting cage safety- Hired by Defense counsel in a case where a ball ricocheted in a batting cage hitting the plaintiff. 2016-2017.
- 141) Foul ball case- Hired by defense fencing company in a case where a foul ball hit a spectator. 2016.
- 142) Buffer Zone- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a wrestler ran into a wall during a match that was too close to the circle. 2016. Deposition
- 143) Buffer Zone- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a futsal indoor soccer player collided with a wall. 2016. Deposition.
- 144) Bleacher Safety- hired by defense counsel where a child was injured when she fell from bleachers/dugout at a college baseball game. 2016-present.
- 145) Obstacle race safety- Hired by defense counsel for three cases arising from the same obstacle slide at a night mud-run. 2016-2017.

- 146) Crowd Management- Hired by Plaintiff counsel in a case where a fan was assaulted in an NFL parking lot and died. Retained before case filed in 2014 filed in 2015-largest wrongful death settlement.
- 147) Crowd management. Hired by defense counsel (security company and NFL team) in an incident where a fan's car hit the plaintiff while exiting a tailgating area. 2016-2017.
- 148) Obstacle race safety- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a runner dove into a mud pit and was paralyzed. 2016-2017.
- 149) Mud Run case- Assisted defense counsel in a case where a Tough Mudder participant died while participating in an event. 2016.
- 150) Facility Safety- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a circus act fell from the rafters injuring a number of participants. 2016-2020.
- 151) Facility Safety-Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a youth fell in an unpadded area of a par course. 2016.
- 152) Facility Safety- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a polo ball left the playing area and hit a baby. 2016-present.
- 153) Facility Safety- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a spectator was injured slipping on a muddy path at a major golf tournament. 2016-2019.
- 154) Facility Safety- Hired by Plaintiff's council in a case where a softball player had a serious injury when sliding into a base. 2016-present.
- 155) Buffer Zone- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a basketball player was injured when there was no buffer zone around the court. 2016-2017.
- 156) Errant Throw Case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a warm-up ball was over thrown injuring a spectator. 2016-present.
- 157) NFL assault case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan was assaulted at an NFL game. 2016.
- 158) Trampoline case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a child was injured at a trampoline park. 2016-2017.
- 159) Baseball injury case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a child was hit while pitching against an older player on a 50/70 field. 2016-present.
- 160) Concert case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a concert goer was kicked in the head by a crowd surfer at a major amusement park. 2016-2017.

- 161) Concert case- Retained by defense counsel in a case where a concert goer was injured rushing to their seat for a Beyonce concert. 2016.
- 162) Facility management case- Retained by plaintiff's counsel in a case where an usher did not follow policies and a fan was injured. 2016-2017. Deposition
- 163) Assault case- Retained by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan was attacked at an NFL game. 2016-2023. Depo and Trial
- 164) Concert facility management case- Retained by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a spectator fell over a balcony railing at a concert. 2016-2018. Depo
- 165) Stadium assault case- Retained by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan was attacked at a MLB stadium and usher had been warned. 2016-2017.
- 166) Parking lot case- Retained by defense counsel in a trip and fall case at a racetrack's parking lot. 2017.
- 167) Concert case- Retained by defense counsel in a case where a fan rushed the stage jumped off and injured a spectator. 2017-present
- 168) Baseball injury case- Retained by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a player was injured during a practice. 2016-present.
- 169) Stadium assault case- Retained by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan was assaulted in an MLB stadium parking lot. 2016-present
- 170) Trampoline case- Retained by plaintiff counsel in a case where a patron was injured while landing from a jump. 2016-2018- Depo
- 171) Baseball injury case- Retained by defense counsel in a case where a little leaguer was hit in the face by a batted ball. 2017-present.
- 172) Trampoline case- Retained by plaintiff counsel in a case where a trampoline jumper possibly hit a metal part breaking their leg. 2017.
- 173) Trampoline case- Retained by plaintiff counsel in a case where a jumper's foot was caught between the mat and padding. 2017-2018.
- 174) Foul ball case- Retained by defense counsel in a case where the plaintiff was hit by a foul ball in the stands. 2017-2018.
- 175) Stadium fall case- retained by plaintiff counsel in a case where a fan fell over the railing at a MLB stadium. 2017-present.

- 176) Trampoline case- Retained by plaintiff counsel in a case where a woman broke here foot landing on padding between trampoline pads. 2017-present.
- 177-179) Trampoline cases- Retained by plaintiff counsel in three cases involving injury to participants at various trampoline parks. 2017-present.
- 180) Trampoline case- Retained by plaintiff counsel in a case where a patron was injured by another jumper. 2017-2018.
- 181) Buffer Zone case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a player hit a padded wall several feet from a court's endline. 2018-present.
- 182) Baseball case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a foul ball went into the parking lot hitting a person. 2018-2020.
- 183) Facility policies case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a child choked to death at a movie theater and issues raised focused on policies/procedures during an emergency event. 2018-present.
- 184) Policy case- Hired by defense counsel in an outdoor Segway tour where a person was injured and the issue of policies and procedures was involved. 2018-present.
- 185) Trampoline case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a patron was injured jumping into a foam pit. 2018-2019.
- 186) Outdoor Recreation case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a woman was injured on a zip-line where the operators violated their own policies. 2018-present. depo
- 187) Tripping case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a concert goer injured their leg in the parking lot after a music festival on a sloped area. 2018.
- 188) Baseball facility- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a player was hit during a drill due to the lack of an "L" screen. 2018-present.
- 189) Trampoline case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a patron was injured while on a trampoline. 2018.
- 190) Assault case- Hired by defense counsel for an NFL stadium/team where a patron claimed they were sexually assaulted on the concourse during a game. 2018-present.
- 191-2) Trampoline Case- Hired by defense counsel in two cases where individuals were injured at a trampoline park. 2018.
- 193) Crowd management case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a bull escaped from a rodeo and injured fans on the fair midway. 2018- 2019 Trial Depo.

- 194) Event Management Case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a patron slipped and broke their ankle in a muddy path leaving a major golf tournament. 2018-present.
- 195) Fitness Case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a fitness facility user died after being injured on a treadmill and an issue of proper patron screening was raised. 2018-2019.
- 196) Lacrosse Case- Hired by defense counsel for a university where a child was hit by a lacrosse ball. 2018-present.
- 197) Hockey Puck Case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a person was hit by a puck outside the rink. 2018-present.
- 198) Baseball facility case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a child was hit by a pitch from a batting cage machine. 2018-present.
- 199) Concert Shooting case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a person was shot backstage at a rap concert in California. 2019.
- 200) Concert Fall case- Hired by defense counsel for a concert venue in a music festival case where a patron fell and was injured walking on the concert grounds. 2019-present.
- 201) Bar fight case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a patron was assaulted in a bar's parking lot. 2019.
- 202) Facility safety issue- hired by defense counsel in case where a concert goer went into a back of the house area, fell, and died. 2019.
- 203) Foul Ball Case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a fan was hit by a foul ball. 2019-present
- 204) Trampoline case- Hired by Plaintiff counsel in a case where a jumper was injured at a trampoline park. 2019- present
- 205) Spectator injury case- Hired by defense counsel for a university where a spectator was hit by a lacrosse ball thrown possibly by a fan. 2019-present.
- 206) Cross-Country Race course- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a spectator injured themselves trying to go between ropes and injured themselves. 2019-present.
- 207) Tennis court- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a tennis player allegedly tripped over a clay court sprinkler head. 2019-present.
- 208) Foul Ball Case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case involving a young child hit by a foul ball at an MLB stadium. 2019-preent.

- 209) Tailgate fight case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan was assaulted in the parking lot after a draft day party at an NFL stadium. 2018-19. Depo
- 210) Spectator safety case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a rock left a monster truck racing area and entered the stand injuring a fan and if the buffer zone was adequate. 2019-present.
- 211) Soccer buffer zone case- hired by defense counsel in a case where a player slide tackled another player and they ran into a support beam. 2019-present.
- 212) Jox box case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a softball player slid into a raised portion of the installed jox box plate system. 2019-2022.
- 213) Fan injury cases- consulted by the Washington Redskins to assist in several defense cases after I went up against them in one case, and then when that case was settled they immediately reached out to me to be on their side for two cases in 2019. 2019-present.
- 214) High jump case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where an athlete overran their spot, missed the mat and injured their head. 2019-2020.
- 215) Trampoline park- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a patron mis-jumped and was injured. 2020-present.
- 216) Buffer zone- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a woman was injured while running in a gym, tripped, hit a wall, and claimed the buffer zone/flooring was inadequate. 2020-present.
- 217) Buffer zone- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a player ran into a ball rack outside a basketball court at a health club. 2020-present.
- 218) Matting and climbing policy- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a climber fell from a bouldering wall and injured their back. 2020-present.
- 219) Crowd Management-fight- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan was attacked at a soccer game. 2020-2022 (\$1.4 million verdict at trial).
- 220) Hockey Puck Case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel to consult in a hockey puck injury case. 2020-present.
- 221) Basketball buffer zone- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a basketball player dove hit a chair and was injured. 2020-present.
- 222) Basketball buffer zone- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a player ran into a glass window. 2020.
- 223) Trip and fall case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a parent tripped over a chain while walking out of a park. 2020-2021. Deposition. Arbitration- Award of \$175,000.

- 224) Buffer Zone- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a pickleball player hit a wall while playing in a gym. 2020-present.
- 225) Crowd management case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a fan was assaulted at an NFL Stadium. 2020-present
- 226) Crowd Management- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where two people were injured in a mosh pit at an indoor venue. 2021-2022.
- 227) Mud Pit- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where an obstacle course participant slid down an inflatable slide and landed on something hard in the mud pit. 2021-present.
- 228) Sport participation Hired by plaintiff counsel in a volleyball case where an adult assistant coach collided with a high school player causing a concussion. 2021-present.
- 229) Rock climbing- Hired by defense counsel in a case where some fell while bouldering at a venue. 2021-present.
- 230) Event shooting case- Hired by EA to defend them in a case where a shooter entered an esports tournament and shot and killed others in FL. 2021.
- 231) Baseball safety case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a baseball fan was hit by a bat entering the stands. 2021-present.
- 232) Baseball base case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a player was injured sliding into a base. 2021-present.
- 233) Sexual abuse case- Hired by defense counsel in several cases in which a large youth sport organization was sued for sexual assault claims from the 1990s after New Jersey allowed such suits in 2020. 2021-present.
- 234) Sexual abuse case- Hired by defense counsel in a sexual abuse case against a sport organization for the actions of a volunteer coach back in the 1990s. 2021.
- 235) Field condition case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a soccer player claims a field was in dangerous condition. 2021-present.
- 236) Sexual abuse case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where women were filmed while changing in their locker room at a school. 2021-present.
- 237) the case in # 234 led to another case involving a different plaintiff, but the same alleged abuser and the same defendant association. 2021.

- 238) Facility safety case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a softball player injured themselves playing on a public field and claimed the artificially turf caused their injury. 2021-present.
- 239) Fitness Equipment safety case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a person was injured on a non-motorized treadmill. 2021.
- 240-1) the case in # 234 and #237 led to another two case involving different plaintiffs, but the same alleged abuser and the same defendant association. 2021-2022.
- 242) Locker room injury case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where someone allegedly slipped and critically injured themselves in the shower of a fitness facility. 2021.
- 243) Event Safety case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel where an event participant brought a gun to a venue and a child discharged the gun in the face of a parent. 2021-present.
- 244) Event Safety case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a woman was injured at a shooting during a fair. 2021-present.
- 245) Event Security case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a dancer/performer was injured by the acts of an audience member. 2021-present.
- 246) Patron Safety- Hired by Defense counsel for a bar where one patron battered/attacked another. 2021-present.
- 247) Crowd Safety- Hired by a Defendant in the Astroworld tragedy to serve as a defense expert in all the cases involving my client. 2021-present.
- 248) Foul Ball case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a foul ball injured a fan. 2021-present.
- 249) Stadium safety case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a New York Yankee player injured himself on part of a stadium during a game. 2022.
- 250) Negligent instruction/supervision. Hired by defense counsel in a case where a college student was injured during an end of the year event on campus. 2022-preent.
- 251) Venue safety case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a child was injured doing sprinting drills in a gym. 2022-present.
- 252) Sexual abuse case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a child was sexually assaulted at a public park. 2022-present.
- 253) Educational institution risk management- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a child was injured on a school field trip to a roller skating venue. 2022-2023.

- 254) Foul Ball case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a spectator was hit by a foul ball at a high school level baseball game. 2022-present.
- 255) Ice Skating Policy/Procedure case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a skater went on the ice during a break and was injured. 2022-preent.
- 256) Basketball Injury case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a player injured their arm along a backboard. 2022-present.
- 257) Sexual abuse case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a minor was sexually abused by the spouse of a team volunteer in a youth sports league. 2022-present.
- 258) Pitching Screen injury case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a coach was hit by a ball that allegedly went through a pitching screen. 2022-present.
- 259) Spectator injury case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a spectator was injured at a football showcase event. 2023-present.
- 260) Tennis case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a player was injured on a tennis court. 2023-present.
- 261) Sexual abuse case- Hired by defense counsel in several cases of alleged abuse against a national youth sport organization. 2023-present.
- 262) Crowd management- Hired by defense counsel defending the state of AZ in a crowd rush case of a field where a fan was injured after a football game. Testified in 2016, but forgot to add to list. Plaintiff verdict but 90% responsibility of Plaintiff. 2015-6.
- 263) Netting safety case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a baseball coach was hit when a ball went through an L screen hitting him in the eye. 2023-present.
- 264) Buffer zone case- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where a basketball player was injured when there was less than three-feet of buffer zone. 2023-present.
- 265) Tripping prevention- Hired by defense counsel in a case where there a product dispute as to the ownership and manufacturing a risk management product. 2023-present.
- 266) Soccer Buffer Zone. Hired by plaintiff's counsel in a case where there was only five feet from endline to a metal pole where Plaintiff was injured. 2023-present.
- 267) Railing case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a fan fell over the railing at an NFL stadium during a concert. 2023-present
- 268) Bar fight case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a patron attacked another patron outside a bar. 2023-2024.

- 269) Intoxicated fan conduct- Hired by plaintiff's counsel in Canada for a concert case where an intoxicated patron fell down stairs landing on Plaintiff.
- 270) Sexual abuse cases- Hired by defense counsel in several cases against a cheer organization. 2024.
- 271) Crowd management- Hired by defense attorney for a security company involving a stampede/panic from pepper spray discharged at a mall. 2024.
- 272) Crowd Management Case- Hired by Defense in a case where fans were chanting homophobic slurs during an international soccer game. 2024-present.
- 273) Golf Club Incident- Hired by Plaintiff Counsel in a case where a participant was hit in the head by a golf club at a Top Golf venue. 2024-present.
- 274) Facility Safety Case- Hired by defense counsel for a resort where a tennis player was injured chasing after a ball. 2024-present.
- 275) Crowd Management Case- Hired by defense counsel for a fight that broke out at a youth sports event. 2024-present.
- 276) Crowd Management Case- Hired by defense counsel at a concert at a Hispanic event where a fight broke out. 2024-present.
- 277) Tennis Case- Hired by Defense counsel in a case where a player was injured allegedly on a tennis court. 2024-present
- 278) Foul Ball Case- Hired by Plaintiff counsel in a case where a fan was hit by a foul ball while waiting in line to enter a stadium. 2024-25.
- 279) In-Game attack on a player- Hired by Plaintiff counsel in a case where violence on the field escalated into an aggressive tackle in soccer that resulted in an injury. 2024-present.
- 280) Parking lot liability case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a triathlete was hit on their bike by a speeding motorist. 2024-present.
- 281) Wrestling case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where there was significant disparity between the athlete and a demonstrator. 2024-present.
- 282) Concert Case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a concert goer tripped while heading to their seat. 2024-present.
- 283) Concert Case- Hired by Defense counsel in a case where a stage worker was injured and blamed the stage design/construction for their injury. 2024-present.

- 284) Concert Case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a concert goer claimed that a stage renovation between shows resulted in barricade allegedly contacting a concert goer. 2024-present.
- 285) Wrestling case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in case where an older/bigger guest wrestled with a high school kid who was injured. 2024-present.
- 286) Circus case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where an element malfunctioned during a show and a fan was injured. 2024-present.
- 287) Foul Bal case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a fan was injured by a foul ball in an area that was not covered at the time with protective netting. 2024-present.
- 288) Trampoline case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in a case where a child was injured when a double jump happened. 2024-present.
- 289) Playing filed condition case- Hired by plaintiff counsel in case where a patron fell into a hole on a well-used walkway at a stadium. 2025-present.
- 290) Basketball Case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a basketball player was injured at a facility with a limited buffer zone. 2025-present.
- 291) Basketball case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel where a basketball player at a showcase event was injured and where the buffer zone was small and the pads insufficient. 2025-present.
- 292) Security case- Hired by Plaintiff in a case where a shopper was injured when security pursued a shoplifter at a store. 2025-present.
- 293) Security Case- Consulting expert and possibly a testifying expert for Plaintiff in the Q nightclub shooting in CO. 2025-present.
- 294) Crowd management case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a concert goer fell off a ski lift at a music festival. 2025-present.
- 295) Foul Ball Case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a fan was injured by a foul ball in the upper part of a stadium. 2024-5.
- 296) Fitness Injury Case- Hired by Plaintiff counsel in a case where a patron was in a sauna for several hours and was seriously injured. 2025-present.
- 297) Concert Case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a lead singer stepped off a stage and was injured. 2025-present.
- 298) Q Nightclub shooting cases- Hired by Plaintiff Counsel in multiple cases dealing with security at the Q nightclub in Colorado where five people were killed and 19 injured. 2025-present.

- 299) Crowd management case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a sound caused a commotion that resulted in people moving around venues and some people being injured. 2025-present.
- 300) Crowd shooting case Hired by defense in a case where there was a shooting at a high school football game that injured five people. 2025-present.
- 301) Baseball injury case Hired by defense counsel in a case where a thrown ball pulled a first basemen off the bag and they collided with a runner. 2025-present.
- 302) Buffer Zone case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a basketball player injured themselves when landing after a play and they came in contact with a gym dividing net right behind the endline. 2025-present.
- 303) Stadium Assault Case Hired by Plaintiff counsel in a case where a fan was attacked at a major stadium after a significant collegiate bowl game. 2025-present.
- 304) Bleacher case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a spectator fell off the back of a bleacher at an ice rink resulting in death. 2025-present.
- 305) Foul ball Case- Hired by Defense counsel to defend a high school where a player was hit by a ball in a fenced dugout. 2025-present.
- 306) Foul Ball Case- Hired by defense counsel in a case where a foul ball entered the stands at a minor league ballpark where a n MLB team was playing. 2025-present.
- 307) Trampoline case- Hired by Plaintiff's counsel in a case where a young child was injured by the double jump caused by an older teenager. 2025-present.
- 157 Plaintiff cases, 150 Defense cases- through #307

## **Top Case Categories (by frequency through case 307-10/25)**

## 1. Crowd Management/Crowd Rush - 29 cases (9.4%)

• Includes stampedes, crowd surges, fans falling on other fans, escalator incidents

## 2. Foul Ball Cases - 27 cases (8.8%)

• Spectators hit by foul balls at various locations (stands, picnic areas, dugouts, parking lots)

## 3. Concert/Event Safety - 24 cases (7.8%)

• Concert injuries, stage falls, crowd surfers, festival incidents, Astroworld

#### 4. Stadium/Fan Assault Cases - 23 cases (7.5%)

• Fan violence, attacks in stadiums, parking lots, bathrooms, elevators

#### 5. Buffer Zone Cases - 22 cases (7.2%)

• Basketball, soccer, tennis, wrestling - inadequate space between playing area and walls/obstacles

## 6. Other Sports - 19 cases (6.2%)

• Track & field, archery, polo, climbing, lacrosse, bowling, golf, etc.

## 7. Participant Injury (General Sports) - 19 cases (6.2%)

• Player-on-player injuries, warm-up injuries, general sport participation incidents

## 8. Trampoline Park Cases - 18 cases (5.9%)

• Double jumps, foam pit injuries, landing injuries, collisions between jumpers

## 9. Other/Miscellaneous - 15 cases (4.9%)

• Logo disputes, coaching terminations, ADA issues, product disputes

## 10. Facility Safety/Trip & Fall - 14 cases (4.6%)

• Falls down stairs/ramps, bleacher falls, railing incidents, tripping hazards

## 11. Sexual Abuse Cases - 11 cases (3.6%)

• Youth sports organizations, schools, locker room incidents

#### 12. Fitness Facility Cases - 10 cases (3.3%)

• Treadmill injuries, sauna injuries, equipment issues, slip and falls

## 13. Hockey Puck Cases - 9 cases (2.9%)

• Pucks leaving the ice, going through doors, hitting spectators

## 14. Baseball Safety (L-Screen, Batting Cage, Other) - 9 cases (2.9%)

• L-screen failures, batting cage netting issues, pitching screen injuries

## 15. Shooting/Active Threat Cases - 9 cases (2.9%)

• Theater shooting (Aurora), Q Nightclub, esports tournament, concert shootings

The remaining categories (Obstacle Race/Mud Run, Football, Nightclub/Bar Security, Basketball, Parking Lot Safety, Mosh Pit, Soccer, Tennis, Wrestling) each account for 2-8 cases.

# **Depositions/Trials**

2008-present testimony (depositions or trial)

Bueno v. Texas Rangers (Oakland, CA), Deposition

Wetherbee v. Darien Ice Rink (CT), Deposition,

Elfman v. City of San Diego (CA), Deposition, San Diego

Novembre v. New Jersey Sports and Exhibition Authority (NJ), Trial- Docket No.:

BER-L-251-07. Bergen County New Jersey

West vs. The Icarus Line (TX), Deposition

DOL v. Walmart (NY- Federal) Deposition

Dagesse v. Lake Compounce (CT) Deposition, Trial testimony

Dozier v. Shuman (TX) Trail testimony

Collins v. Atlanta Braves (GA) Deposition

Robles-Mayuri v. Connecticut Sports Center (CT) Deposition and Trial

Harris v. Schindler (NJ) Deposition

Domalewski v. Hillerich & Bradsby, Inc. (NJ) Deposition

Campanga v. The Dug Out (NV) Deposition

Gomez v. City of Anaheim (CA) Deposition and Trial testimony

Giordano v. Babe Ruth (FL) Deposition

Wilson v. Clear Channel (TX) Deposition

Root v. Baseball Jaxs (FL), Deposition

Nathans v. Offerman (CT), Deposition

Stow v. Los Angeles Dodgers (CA) Deposition and trial testimony

Reed-Jennings v. Seattle Mariners (WA) Deposition

Moren v. Tri-State (CT) Deposition 2014

Driscoll v. Yale University (CT) Trial 2014

McCormick v. SportZone (NH) Trail 2015

Montminey v. FFE (IL) Deposition 2015

Palmer v. CT Sportsplex (CT) Deposition 2016

Soudani v. Century Theaters (CO) Deposition and Trial 2016.

Afrasiabi v. Saddleback Valley Sports Center (CA) Deposition 2016

Ahlers v. ABOR (AZ) Deposition and trial 2016

Hampton v. North Carolina State High School Athletic Association (NC) Deposition 2016

Vaitkus v. Hartford Trampoline Park (CT) Deposition 2016

Eklund v. ECV (IL) Deposition 2017

Calabro v. Launch Trampoline Park (CT) Deposition 2017

Perodeau v. HJ & Edward Enterprises, LLC, (CT) Deposition 2017

Van Winkle v. Kansas City Chiefs (MO) Deposition 2018

Hoffman v. QVRA (PA) Trial 2018 Jury verdict for Plaintiff of \$1.7 million

Murrey v. Atlanta Braves (GA) 2018, Deposition

Abarca v. Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc. (MO) Deposition 2018

Taubin v. John Henry Trustee (Boston Red Sox), 2018, Trial

Rubin v. Live Nation (CA). 2018 Deposition

Schenk v. Harford Agricultural Society (PA), 2018, Deposition for trail purposes

Giacalone v. Township of Neptune (NJ) 2018 deposition

Cohen v. Live Nation (FL) 2019 deposition

Davies v. Brownstone (CT) 2019 Deposition, Trial 2021

Carson/Johnson v. Washington Redskins (DC) 2019 deposition

Smith v. City of Gladstone (MO) 2020 Deposition

SVITLANA BALANICHEVA v. SMG (Rhode Island) 2020 Deposition

Eskin v. City of Bristol (CT) 2020-deposition and arbitration 2021

Anduras v. HOB Chicago (IL) 2021- deposition

Cunningham v. Flipin Out (CT) 2021- deposition

TM v. USBC (WA) 2021- deposition

TS v. USBC (WA) 2021- deposition

Stjerne v. Eldorado Polo Club (CA) 2022- deposition

Juan Antonio Acosta Rivera v. Flight Fit n Fun (CT) 2022- deposition and arbitration

Cruz v. Anglada (CA) 2022- deposition and trial-\$1.4 million verdict

Ortega v. McFarland (TN) 2022-deposition

Hardin et al. v. Nationwide Insurance Co. (LA) 2023- deposition

O'Brien v. South Florida Stadium (FL) 2023 -deposition and trial. Plaintiff verdict.

Rodriguez v. Los Angeles Dodgers (CA) 2023 Trial, Plaintiff verdict

Flores v. Los Angeles Dodgers (CA) 2023 deposition

Penland v. ASM Global (IL) 2024 deposition

Carvallo v. Top Golf (FL) 2024 deposition

Baribeault v. Fun Z Trampoline Park (CT) 2025 deposition

Aldana v. St. John Bosco (CA) 2025 deposition

Bogart v. Tampa Bay Rays (FL) 2025 deposition

Dovan v. LA Fitness (CA) 2025 deposition

## **Risk Management Consulting**

- 1) Served as General/Special Counsel or advisor for various sport associations and work with them and their clients to handle various risk and safety concerns. These associations include the Sportsplex Operators and Developers Association (SODA), Resort and Commercial Recreation Association (RCRA), World Amateur Sports Association (WASA), Pop Warner Football and Little Scholars, and the International Association of Assembly Managers (IAAM). Assist organization in finding appropriate legal representation when necessary.
- 2) Conducted risk management audit for a martial arts studio which produced a comprehensive facility audit for future safety updating. 1999. Have since conducted several audits of schools, gyms, parks, and even a city's municipal departments.

- 3) Provide support to Sadler & Co. clients in addressing risk management issues. Sadler & Co. is one of the largest sports insurance brokers in the United States. 1997-present. Helped design the sexual abuse prevention program for Dixie Baseball League.
- 4) Developed the educational material and curriculum for the IAAM's Academy for Venue Safety and Security, which is endorsed by MLB, NF, DHS, and others as an intensive four day training program for security/safety officials at public assembly facilities.
- 5) Hired by a large housing development in Houston to help create appropriate signage to reduce the risk of injury at parks and other recreational areas.
- 6) Served as Director of Risk Management for a large facility management company (OR&L Facility Management) and assisted with facility audits and other risk management strategies. OR&L now manages the Orlando Magic's arena (Amway Center).
- 7) Serve as an advisory board member for Incord, a large netting company that produces nets for various industries, including the sport industry. 2017-2021.
- 8) Hired by the builders of a new arena in Georgia to comment on the economic viability and strength of a new arena project. 2024.

My expert witness work has been covered by the following publications: New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Houston Chronicle, Texas Lawyer, The Plain Dealer, Sun-Sentinel, The Dallas Morning News, San Antonio Express-News, Orlando Sentinel, The Recorder, AP Wire Service, CBS National Radio News, The National Law Journal, The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, among other publications.

My research into sport litigation abuse was highlighted in congressional hearing in the House Report 108-682 - LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2004

## ABC News reported that:

When his 16-year-old son didn't get the most valuable player award, Michel Croteau didn't get upset. He hired a lawyer and sued his son's youth hockey league to the tune of more than \$200,000 . . . The Croteaus are not alone. In the last year, parents have filed more than 200 non-injury-related sports lawsuits against coaches, leagues and school districts in the United States, according to Gil Fried, a University of New Haven professor who specializes in sports law . . . The Butzke family sued the Comsewogue, N.Y., school district because their eighth-grade daughter was taken off the varsity high school soccer team. The Branco family took legal action against the Washington Township, N.J., school district after their son, David, was cut from the junior varsity basketball team . . . The Rubin family sued California's New Haven Unified School District for \$1.5 million because their son got kicked off the varsity basketball team . . . The family felt James Logan High School Coach Blake Chong may have cost their son not just a scholarship, but an NBA career. 26

Some articles/clips involving cases I have been involved with include:

http://www.congress.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/R?cp108:FLD010:@1(hr682)

http://www.myfoxla.com/story/25766896/bryan-stow-lawsuit-its-all-open-to-the-public-and-free http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/7/4/baseball-harm-foulballs.html

http://www.latinpost.com/articles/16538/20140705/lawsuits-change-safety-regulations-mlb-ballp arks.htm

http://www.latimes.com/local/crime/la-me-0710-bryan-stow-trial-20140710-story.html

 $\frac{http://sports.yahoo.com/blogs/mlb-big-league-stew/dodgers-found-negligent-in-bryan-stow-beating--210012515.html}{}$ 

http://www.athleticbusiness.com/stadium-arena-security/how-to-keep-sports-venue-parking-lots-safe-and-secure.html

http://www.denverpost.com/2016/05/11/expert-cinemark-security-flaws-helped-enable-aurora-theater-shooting/

http://www.denverpost.com/2017/10/02/vegas-massacre-security-experts-offer-tips-stay-safe-larg e-gatherings/

https://www.msn.com/en-gb/video/other/sox-owner-john-henry-faces-question-about-fenway-seat-safety/vp-AAy7y6W

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-11-20/dodgers-fan-lawsuit-stadium-beating-security-opening-day-francisco-rodriguez-erik-pena

The following sample cases highlighted my testimony/reports by courts-

SCHREIBER v. JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS (2002).

https://scholar.google.com/scholar\_case?case=1231513376883385971&q=Gil+Fried&hl=en&assdt=40006

Verni ex rel. Burstein v. Stevens, 903 A. 2d 475 - NJ: Appellate Div. 2006

https://scholar.google.com/scholar\_case?case=8898591651984540854&q=Gil+Fried&hl=en&as\_sdt=40006

Mayes v. La Sierra Univ. (2022). <a href="https://casetext.com/case/mayes-v-la-sierra-univ">https://casetext.com/case/mayes-v-la-sierra-univ</a>

Due to the Corona-19 virus I was in the media explaining risk management and safety strategies that would be pursued such as in:

https://www.latimes.com/sports/story/2020-04-24/what-might-sports-look-like-empty-stadiums-coronavirus

https://www.courant.com/coronavirus/hc-news-coronavirus-indoor-concert-venues-bars-july-reopening-20200703-l6ci4nlz7fgyzcwva4ncmx4nru-story.html

Due to the Astroworld tragedy I appeared in various news stories:

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Due to the 2022 Seoul Halloween crowd crush I was interviewed by various media outlets from the New York Times to Buzzfeed and stations in Korea:

https://www.nytimes.com/article/crowd-crush-safety.html?unlocked\_article\_code=PW3OCGklJa7OHjF1M\_yGcIqaZbVQKtHCuCQybFYNcLIba5powPlwqNJECnpcF5Q6tbwSyZ0DDrTHYPs

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Presentations- "Esports Event Security- a case study." World Esports Academic Presentation-2021 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPoFTNbTOxM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPoFTNbTOxM</a>

After various assaults in the stands at various games in 2023, I was interviewed by several media sources including the LA Times: <a href="https://lnkd.in/gPkdY53t">https://lnkd.in/gPkdY53t</a>. and the NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vklG7CfoBJ4&t=798s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vklG7CfoBJ4&t=798s</a>.