



John Jerry Glas is the Chair of the Civil Litigation Department. He has tried more than 70 jury trials to verdict, and serves as lead national trial counsel for the worldwide leading manufacturer of conducted electrical weapons.

Jerry represents national insurance and excess insurance companies, trucking companies, grocery and restaurant chains, and law enforcement agencies when faced with pending litigation. Over the last 18 year with the Deutsch Kerrigan, Jerry has successfully handled a number of matters involving police liability, product liability, and serious traumatic brain injury and class action lawsuits.

He has been admitted pro hac vice to handle cases around the country, including California, Connecticut, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, and Virginia. He recently authored "Feeding Lions During Closing Argument," Chapter 19 in the ABA's 2015 peer-reviewed textbook: *From The Trenches: Trial Tips From 21 of the Nation's Top Trial Lawyers*.

Born and raised in New Orleans, and taught religion at Jesuit High School before attending law school. Jerry joined the firm in 1999 after serving as a Senior Assistant District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans, and enjoys teaching trial practice as an Adjunct Professor at Loyola University College of Law. Jerry is married and has two wonderful daughters.

Practices

Commercial Transportation
Appellate Litigation
Aviation Litigation
Manufacturer's Liability &
Products Liability
Premises Liability

Industries

Insurance
Manufacturing
Retail & Restaurant
Transportation

Bar Admissions

Louisiana (1996)
Federal Fifth Circuit Court of
Appeal (1998)
Federal Louisiana Eastern
District (1998)
Federal Louisiana Middle
District (2000)
Federal Louisiana Western
District (2000)

Education

J.D., Louisiana State University,
1996
M.A., Philosophy, University of
Toronto, 1992
B.A., Philosophy, College of the
Holy Cross, 1991

Professional Associations and Accolades

Louisiana Super Lawyers List, Civil Litigation, 2015-2018
Best Lawyers® in America, Personal Injury Litigation, 2012-2019
Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating
Federal Bar Association's Camille Gravel Public Service Award, 2009
Louisiana State Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award, 2009
New Orleans *CityBusiness* "Leadership in Law" list of 2012, 2017
New Orleans *Magazine* 2016 "Top Lawyers" list, *Bet-the-Company Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation*
Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Largest Defense Verdicts, 2013

Publications

Author, "Feeding Lions During Closing Argument," Chapter 19, ABA's 2015 peer-reviewed textbook: *From The Trenches: Trial Tips From 21 of the Nation's Top Trial Lawyers*.

Speaking Engagements

Presenter, *Wresting with Antaeus: Examining An Expert At Trial*

- LSBA/LJC Summer School, Destin, FL, 2017
- LSBA's CLE Wrap-Up Seminar, New Orleans, LA, 2016
- LSBA's Expert Seminar, New Orleans, LA, 2016
- The Network of Trial Law Firms' Litigation Management Supercourse, 2016

Presenter, *The Art of Picking The Worst Possible Jury*

- LSBA, Handling The Complex Case: Jazz It Up, 2017
- Calcasieu Parish District Attorney's Office, Lake Charles, LA, 2016
- The Network Of Trial Law Firms' Litigation Management Roundup, Scottsdale, AZ, 2007
- LDAA's Fall Seminar, Lafayette, LA, 2007
- Office Of The District Attorney, Parish Of Orleans, New Orleans, LA, 2007

Co-Presenter (with Judge Susie Morgan) *The Dirty Dozen: Twelve Common Louisiana Evidentiary Issues*

- NOBA's Masters of the Courtroom, New Orleans, LA, 2016

Presenter, *The Tantalus Effect: Challenges of Criminal Discovery*

- Tulane Law School's Intercession, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017.

Presenter, *Lion-Taming During Closing Argument*

- The Network of Trial Law Firms' Litigation Management Supercourse, New York, NY, 2015
- The Network of Trial Law Firms' Litigation Management Supercourse, Napa Valley, CA, 2015

Co-Presenter, *Traumatic Brain Injury: Navigating Litigation & Settlement Complexities*

- Strafford Publications, Legal Webinar, 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2016

Presenter, *When Civil & Criminal Cases Collide: A Survival Guide*

- The Network of Trial Law Firms' Litigation Management: Tribulations & Trials, Scottsdale, AZ, 2014

Presenter, *Qualified Immunity In Litigation Involving Conducted Electrical Weapons*

- Lorman Education Services' Police Liability In Louisiana Seminar, Baton Rouge, LA, 2013
- Lorman Education Services' Police Liability Seminar, Kenner, LA, 2013
- NBI's Handling Police Liability Claims Seminar, New Orleans, LA, 2012
- Lorman Education Services' Police Liability Seminar, Kenner, LA, 2012

Presenter, *Ethics: Online Investigation Of Parties, Witnesses & Jurors*

- The Network of Trial Law Firms' Windy City Litigation Management Supercourse, Chicago, IL, 2012

Presenter, *Irresistible Impulses & Disinhibition: Siren Songs In Civil Cases*

- The Network Of Trial Law Firms' Litigation Management Supercourse, Laguna Beach, CA, 2011

Presenter, *Crushin' A Concussion: Attacking Claims of Impairment Following Mild TBI*

- The Network Of Trial Law Firms' Litigation Management Supercourse, Laguna Beach, CA, 2009

Presenter, *Attacking Medical Studies & Statistical Associations*

- The Network Of Trial Law Firms' Litigation In A New York Minute, New York, NY, 2008
- The Network Of Trial Law Firms' Litigation Management Roundup, Scottsdale, AZ, 2007

Presenter, *The Neuropsychologist: A Trojan Horse In Brain Injury Cases*

- The Network Of Trial Law Firms' Litigation Management Supercourse, Palm Beach, FL, 2006

MC & Presenter, *Testimony of Neurologists, Neurosurgeons & Neuropsychologists*

- Lorman Education's Fundamentals of Brain Injury Cases (One Day) Seminar, New Orleans, LA, 2004, 2005 & 2007

Representative Successes

Stroud v. Commerce & Industry Ins. Co.

Stipulated that driver of 18-wheeler was negligent and proceeded to trial on issues of medical causation and damages. Plaintiff had four suicide attempts post-accident, and Plaintiff's experts testified she needed 24 hour care. Plaintiff boarded \$18.5 million during closing argument. During closing, I told jury the range was \$180k (if no TBI) to \$2.8 million (if TBI). Jury awarded \$1.5 million.

White v. Occidental Fire & Cas. Ins. Co.

Stipulated that client was negligent and proceeded to trial on issues of medical causation and damages. Plaintiff had 4 surgeries & 9 procedures after the accident. Plaintiff boarded \$2.5 million in special damages alone. Jury awarded \$2 million in specials, but only \$300,000 in general damages.

Crayton v. Campbell

Court granted summary judgment against client and case proceeded to trial on damages only. During closing argument, plaintiff boarded \$221,000 in past medicals & demanded \$750,000. Jury awarded only \$323,000 with one juror voting that the accident caused no injuries.

Ricks v. City of Alexandria

Defended TASER against manufacturing defect claim in wrongful death action. Plaintiff rested after Mr. Glas cross-examined their cardiac electrophysiologist, and Judge Drell granted directed verdict to client.

Fahy v. TASER, Circuit Court Of The City Of Saint Louis

Defended TASER against claim their product caused cardiac arrest and severe anoxic brain injury. Decided not to call any of the eleven expert witnesses retained by TASER to testify regarding notice of defect, warnings, medical causation, and damages. During closing argument, plaintiff demanded \$12 million plus punitive damages, and the jury (9-3) found TASER was not liable.

Wiltz v. Meraux Food Store

Defended Winn Dixie Montgomery, Inc. against claim the store sold alcohol to minors involved in a car accident that killed three and caused severe brain damage to a fourth. Jury found Winn-Dixie did not sell alcohol to minors and awarded only 10% fault for allowing minors to drink in the parking lot.

Grisoli v. Bradley

Defended excess insurer after primary settled at 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before trial. Plaintiff claimed car accident caused severe brain damage and cervical injury. After my cross-examination of the Plaintiff, Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed her claims, requiring only that the excess insurer waive costs.

Craige v. Grundmann

Stipulated that insured was responsible for car accident, but argued accident did not cause plaintiff's paralysis based on neurosurgeon's diagnosis of transverse myelitis. Trial ended with a (7-5) hung jury.

Lay v. Gray Insurance Co.

Defended insured against claim that its steamroller was being operated partially in the travel lane and caused plaintiff's car accident. After my cross-examination of the plaintiff, the case settled favorably.

Swain v. RLI Ins. Co.

Stipulated that insured was solely responsible for truck accident, and defended insured against claim accident caused spinal cord injury and heart problems. Plaintiff rejected client's \$75,000 Offer of Judgment prior to trial, and jury awarded only \$50,000.

Pyles v. Weaver

Defended gentleman's club against negligent security action brought by independent contractor (entertainer) who claimed that she sustained permanent brain damage, cervical injuries, and dental injuries after thrown rock glass struck her head and knocked her down. During closing argument, plaintiff asked for more than \$1 million, and jury awarded only \$90,000. Affirmed on appeal.

Molo v. Southern Magic, Inc.

Defended excess insurance company against claim that falling blowtorch which cracked the plaintiff's hard hat and caused a comminuted and depressed skull fracture. Plaintiff alleged permanent cognitive and behavioral deficits, but defense experts proved that impairment was pre-existing and cross-examination revealed plaintiff was capable of caring for himself and others. Jury award did not exceed primary insurance policy, and no judgment issued against client.