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Practices

Commercial Transportation
Products Liability
Personal Injury
Premises Liability
Insurance Defense
Appellate

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., University of Toronto, Philosophy, 1992
B.A., College of the Holy Cross, Philosophy, 1991

John Jerry Glas is the Chair of the Civil Litigation Department at Deutsch Kerrigan and a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has tried 114 civil or criminal trials, including 76 jury trials and 38 judge trials.

Jerry has handled cases throughout Louisiana. He has tried cases to verdict in two Louisiana federal courts (Eastern District and Western District) and in nine Louisiana state courts, including the 1st JDC, 8th JDC, 15th JDC, 16th JDC, 23rd JDC, 24th JDC, 40th JDC, Civil District Court (Orleans Parish), and Criminal District Court (Orleans Parish).

Jerry has been admitted *pro hac vice* in 11 different states and had success on both sides of the aisle. In 2021, as lead trial counsel for the plaintiff (Lindale Pipeline, LLC), Jerry obtained a \$26 million verdict in Houston. In 2012, as lead trial counsel for the defendant (TASER International, Inc.), Jerry obtained a zero verdict in St. Louis, which was listed by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* as one of that year's "Largest Defense Verdicts."

Jerry has authored three peer-reviewed book chapters for the American Bar Association's popular "From The Trenches" series on trial strategy. He is also a frequent presenter, having lectured locally and nationally on jury selection, trial strategy, expert witnesses, traumatic brain injury cases, life care plans, and qualified immunity.

Jerry enjoys teaching law school students. He has taught a full-credit Trial Practice class as an adjunct professor at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (2009-2014). He has lectured annually on the challenges of civil and criminal discovery as part of the Intersession faculty for Tulane University School of Law (2012-Present). He has also served on the teaching faculty for L.S.U. Law School's Trial Advocacy 3-Day Boot Camp (2018-Present).

Jerry was born and raised in New Orleans. Before attending law school, Jerry earned an M.A. in philosophy and taught religion at his alma mater, Jesuit High School. Before joining the firm in 1999, Jerry served as a Senior Assistant District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans. Jerry has been married for 23 years. He has two wonderful daughters and one spoiled Schnauzer.

Professional Associations

- American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL), Fellow (2020-present)
- The Network of Trial Law Firms, Past Chair (2019), Chair (2018), Secretary (2016)

Accolades

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, 2020-Present
- Louisiana *Super Lawyers* List, Civil Litigation, 2015-2021

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Personal Injury Litigation, 2012-2021
- *Inside New Orleans* Readers' Favorite Elite Lawyer, 2021
- New Orleans *CityBusiness* "Leadership in Law" 2012, 2017
- Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Largest Defense verdicts, 2013
- AV Preeminent Martindale-Hubbell® 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 Magazine*, "Top Lawyers" List, 2016, 2018-2019
- New Orleans *CityBusiness* "Ones to Watch: Law," 2015-2017

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.
- **Product Liability - *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.
- **Commercial Transportation - *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.
- **Product Liability - *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.
- **Retail Defense - *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.
- **Transportation – Automobile - *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.

- **Transportation – Automobile - *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.
- **Commercial Transportation - *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.
- **Negligent Security - *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.

Publications

- "Designing and Executing a Critical Witness Deposition," Co-Author, Chapter 12, ABA's 2018 peer-reviewed textbook: *From The Trenches III: Pretrial Strategies for Success*
- "Dancing With Antaeus: Twelve Questions to Ask Your Expert," Co-Author, Chapter 8, ABA's 2017 peer-reviewed textbook: *From The Trenches II: Mastering the Art of Preparing Witnesses*
- "Feeding Lions During Closing Argument," Author, Chapter 19, ABA's 2015 peer-reviewed textbook: *From The Trenches: Trial Tips From 21 of the Nation's Top Trial Lawyers*.

Presentations

- Presenter, *Art of Persuading the Jury*
 - Jazz Fest: The Song and Art of Persuasion; Louisiana State Bar Association CLE, April 2018
- Presenter, *Wrestling 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, *Online Jurors (video)*
 - The Network of Trial Law Firms, CLE presentation, October 2011
- 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