



Barry R. Chafetz
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Barry R. Chafetz, an experienced and accomplished Chicago personal injury lawyer, joined Corboy & Demetrio in 1994. A graduate of the University of Illinois, College of Law, he concentrates his trial practice on the representation of injured persons and their families, with an emphasis on medical negligence. He previously was in private practice in both Chicago and Springfield, Illinois, and served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

A partner and trial attorney at the Chicago-based law firm of Corboy & Demetrio, Barry is recognized by plaintiff and defense lawyers alike as an expert in identifying potentially meritorious medical negligence cases early in the review process. He has secured numerous multi-million dollar settlements and verdicts and has a number of record-setting verdicts. His most recent verdict of \$6 million on behalf of a victim of medical malpractice was the largest jury verdict in Lake County, Illinois, for medical malpractice involving an adult. He secured a \$7.75 million settlement for the family of an infant who now suffers from cerebral palsy and developmental delays as a result of not being properly monitored or treated for high levels of bilirubin. In another case where an infant suffered permanent injuries during delivery, resulting in limitation in both arms and the need for a ventilator while sleeping, Barry secured a \$20 million settlement.

Named one of the top 5% of all Illinois attorneys by the Leading Lawyers Network and designated an "Illinois Super Lawyer," Mr. Chafetz has also achieved the highest rating in the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory. He was recently inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates as an Advocate, an attorney who has a minimum of fifty (50) civil jury trials to a jury verdict and is a lifetime member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Barry

Practice Areas

- Medical Negligence
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law, Urbana-Champaign, J.D., 1972
- University of Illinois, M.A., 1970
- University of Illinois, B.A., 1969

Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois, 1972
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1972
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois, 1972

is a frequent speaker on issues relating to trial practice and strategy and is a member of regional and national bar associations.

News

- \$1.5 Million Medical Malpractice Settlement for Failure to Treat Jaundice (March 2009)
- Corboy & Demetrio Chicago Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Lawyers Named to Illinois Super Lawyers (January 2009)
- \$4 Million Settlement for Cerebral Air Embolism (November 2008)
- \$7.75 Million Settlement for Failure to Properly Treat Infant for Elevated Bilirubin (November 1, 2008)
- \$3 Million Settlement for Bariatric Surgery Performed Backward (October 2008)
- \$1.75 Million Settlement Secured by Attorney Barry Chafetz (August 2008)
- Corboy & Demetrio Named One of Chicago's Top Law Firms (August 2008)
- Barry Chafetz Inducted Into American Board of Trial Advocates (June 2008)
- All Twelve Partners at Corboy & Demetrio Recognized as 2008 Illinois Super Lawyers (January 2008)
- \$1.8 Million U.S. District Court Award Secured by Barry Chafetz (December 2007)
- \$1.25 Million Settlement for Family of Child who Suffered Stroke Prior to Birth (June 2007)
- \$6 Million Record-Setting Verdict in Lake County Secured by Barry Chafetz and Shawn Kasserman (April 2007)
- Tom Demetrio and Barry Chafetz Discuss Illinois Supreme Court Ruling (May 23, 2002)
- C&D Again Atop Chicago Lawyer Magazine Settlement Survey (October 2000)

Honors

- American Board of Trial Advocates, Advocate
- Leading Lawyers Network Member, Top 5% of Illinois Lawyers
- Illinois Super Lawyer, Top 5% of Illinois Lawyers
- Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory - AV Rating - Highest Level
- Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, Lifetime Member
- Who's Who in America

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association (ABA)
- American Association for Justice (AAJ) formerly known as Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA)
- Chicago Bar Association (CBA)
- Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA)
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA)

Seminars & Speeches

- "Trial Strategies - Practical Problems and Solutions," Civil Practice Issues and Trends, Chicago Bar Association, 1998
- "Security in Courts," Illinois State Bar Association
- "Brain Injuries," Midwest Institute of Neurosurgical Injuries