

## Attorneys Tom Demetrio and Bob Bingle Featured Speakers at Seminar on Managing High Verdict Cases

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Tom Demetrio and Bob Bingle, partners at the law firm of Corboy & Demetrio, were featured speakers at the Law Bulletin Seminars conference, "Case Evaluation: Managing the High Verdict Potential Case," held at the Chicago Hilton in Chicago, Illinois, on November 17, 2009. During the program, Demetrio discussed the Metra train derailment case he tried where he secured a \$29.6 million verdict on behalf of his client who was injured in the crash. He was joined by the Honorable Thomas Hogan of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the judge in the case, and the defense counsel. Bingle discussed, from a plaintiff's perspective, various aspects of evaluating a case, such as when to settle, mediate or try a case. The Seminar, produced for attorneys, provided 3 hours of continuing legal education credit.

### Attorney Tom Demetrio

Demetrio is a trial attorney with an emphasis on medical negligence, airplane crash, product liability and commercial litigation on behalf of plaintiffs. He is Past President of the Chicago Bar Association and Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, International Academy of Trial Lawyers and Inner Circle of Advocates.

Tom has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* since its inception in 1987 and was named by the *National Law Journal* as one of the Nation's Top Ten Trial Lawyers. The prestigious *Lawdragon* has called him the "powerhouse" of aviation and medical negligence and "the name for everything from medical malpractice claims to aviation disasters. When tragedy strikes, the families of plane crash victims have no greater ally." *Lawdragon* also said that Tom is "Chicago's top trial lawyer" and "stands alone atop the Chicago trial bar."

### Attorneys

- Robert J. Bingle
- Thomas A. Demetrio

He has done extensive teaching and lecturing worldwide in the field of trial techniques and has authored numerous continuing legal education articles in the field of civil litigation. Tom has acquired over \$130 million in jury verdicts, all of which were paid, including the largest personal injury verdict ever upheld by the Illinois Supreme Court, and has negotiated over \$1 billion in settlements. **Attorney Bob Bingle**

Bob has been a Chicago personal injury lawyer at Corboy & Demetrio for over 27 years and managing partner for 19 years. While at the firm, he has been involved in every type of personal injury and wrongful death case and has obtained numerous multi-million dollar verdicts and settlement for his clients.

As a result of Bob's extensive legal experience, he has acquired leadership positions on mass tort litigation arising from railroad collisions, explosions, fires and other disasters. He was lead plaintiffs' counsel for the litigation stemming from the collision of a train and school bus in Fox River Grove, Illinois, which settled in excess of \$25 million and was one of the lead attorneys in a \$10 million settlement stemming from a collision at a Union Pacific rail yard that resulted in the deaths of the three men. He was also the lead trial attorney and directed the mass litigation from the Quantum Chemical explosion which settled for more than \$20 million.

Bob has secured a number of record-setting verdicts and settlements. In a Federal District Court lawsuit Bob tried, a \$6.6 million verdict was awarded to a family injured in an automobile collision. It was the largest verdict ever in that Court. In a railroad negligence case, the jury returned a \$6.8 million verdict, the highest amount ever awarded in Illinois to an individual for the loss of his leg.

In addition to his trial work, Bob is very active in bar association work, has been a faculty member at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and is a member of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law Alumni Board. He lectures extensively throughout the United States and has published chapters and articles in legal books, periodicals and newspapers. He is frequently called upon by the media to comment on legal issues involving civil litigation and has appeared nationally and locally on television and radio news broadcasts and news talk programs.