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William H. Groner is Co-Founding and Managing Partner at Worby Groner Edelman LLP with over 30 years of experience in personal injury, products liability, medical malpractice and toxic exposure litigation.

Bill co-managed the firm's joint venture mass tort litigation representing over 10,000 first responders, construction workers, volunteers and others who were exposed to various Ground Zero toxins and contaminants. He was a principal negotiator in the decade long litigation which resulted in settlements in excess of \$800,000,000.

Bill is a frequent lecturer on all aspects of personal injury practice and law, and taught a seminar in the Fall of 2013 at Boston University School of Law entitled "Anatomy of a Mass Tort". He has made numerous radio and TV appearances including 20/20 ABC News, CNN (Worldwide), Good Day NY, Fox, and CBS.

He is founder and Past President of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Westchester Chapter, and has been repeatedly selected as a *New York Super Lawyer*, characterized as a '*rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.*' Bill also enjoys the maximum rating available (AV-5.0) from Martindale- Hubbell which denotes the "highest level of professional excellence."

TEACHING-PUBLIC SPEAKING

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Lecturer in Law, Adjunct Faculty member- Fall Semester 2013: "Anatomy of Mass Tort"

Guest Lecturer

- November 25, 2013, "Ground Zero Litigation"
- December 5, 2012, "Ground Zero Litigation"
- March 19, 2007, "The Hazardous Impact of Cleaning Up After September 11- Who is at fault?"

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

Featured Speaker, Binghamton University Forum, "Ground Zero Dust, It's Mysterious Medical Consequences and the Resulting Epic First Responders Litigation," November 14, 2013

Speaker, College in the Woods, 40th Birthday Anniversary, October 14, 2012

Commencement Speaker, College in the Woods Graduation Ceremony (Residential College), May 17, 2008

MISCELLANEOUS

Organizer, Moderator and Speaker, “*Civil Rights in America Post 9/11*”, The Telluride Academy, August 2012

Speaker, “Careers in Law”, Fox Lane Middle School, April 30, 2011

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION – REPRESENTATIVE LIST/ COMPLETE LIST

REPRESENTATIVE LIST:

Speaker, “Ground Zero Dust, It’s Mysterious Medical Consequences and the Resulting Epic First Responders Litigation,” Pace University Law School, February 25, 2014

Moderator, “Mediation & Arbitration: Top 10 Do’s and Don’ts”, Westchester County Bar Association, March 11, 2008

Speaker, “Trial Prep For A Personal Injury Case: 10 Mandatory Tasks For Plaintiff And Defense Litigators”, Westchester County Bar Association, April 11, 2007

Organizer and Speaker, “Who Wants to be a M(B)illionaire? Starting, Managing and Building Your Own Westchester Law Firm”, Pace University Law School, February, 28, 2007

Speaker, “Workers Compensation/Negligence Interplay”, Westchester County Bar Association, December 19, 2006

Organizer and Moderator, “The Top 10 Differences between State Court and Federal Court Practice for the Civil Litigator”, Westchester County Bar Association, November 28, 2006

Speaker, “Decisions 2005- NYC”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, September 30, 2005

Speaker, “Decisions 2004- NYC”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, October 15, 2004

Organizer, Moderator and Speaker, “From The Top And From The Trenches: Does The Civil Jury System Still Work?” Westchester County Bar Association, March 24, 2004

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Moderator, “Decisions 2005- Westchester County”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, October 21, 2005

Speaker, “Decisions 2005- NYC”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, September 30, 2005

Speaker, “Decisions 2004- Westchester”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, October 29, 2004

Speaker, “Decisions 2004- Long Island”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, October 19, 2004

Speaker, “Decisions 2004- NYC”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, October 15, 2004

Organizer, Moderator and Speaker, “From The Top And From The Trenches: Does The Civil Jury System Still Work?”, Westchester County Bar Association, March 24, 2004

Organizer, “Ethics: Setting Up A Conflict Of Interest System In Your Office”, Westchester County Bar Association, June 23, 2004

Organizer and Moderator, “Hot from the Judges: ‘Evidentiary Bloopers As Seen By The Gatekeepers, Westchester County Bar Association, October 22, 2003

Speaker, “Decisions 2003- NYC”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, October 3, 2003

Moderator, “Decisions 2002-Westchester”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, October 4, 2002

Speaker, “Aiding Victims of the World Trade Center Disaster”, Pace University Law School, January 16, 2002

Moderator, “Decisions 2001- Westchester”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, October 5, 2001

Speaker, “Trial Preparation Secrets”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, January 12, 2000

Speaker, “Decisions 2000- Westchester”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, October 27, 2000

Speaker, “Decisions 2000- NYC”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, September 15, 2000

Organizer, “Technology And Law Office Management”, New York State Trial Lawyers, November 10, 1999

Speaker, “Decisions 1999- Westchester”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, September 24, 1999

Speaker, “Decisions 1999- NYC”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, September 18, 1999

Organizer, “Motion Practice Do’s and Don’ts”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, June 17, 1999

Organizer, “How to Handle it: Ethical Dilemmas for Litigators”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, April 15, 1999.

Speaker, “Preparation of Auto Premises Liability Cases”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, February 6, 1999

MEDIA APPEARANCES

TELEVISION- REPRESENTATIVE LIST/ COMPLETE LIST

REPRESENTATIVE LIST:

WBNG TV, Channel 12 Binghamton NY, *Binghamton Alumni Fights for 9/11 Responders*, November 14, 2013

News 12 Westchester, NY, *Ground Zero Settlement*, November 19, 2010

News 12, Westchester, *Camp Safety*, June 5, 2000

20/20 ABC News, *Cell phones in Automobiles- Unsafe Ergonomic Design*, March 10, 1997

WCBS TV, Channel 2, *Unsafe Rollerblade Design*, December 11, 1994

COMPLETE LIST:

WBNG TV, Channel 12 Binghamton NY, *Binghamton Alumni Fights for 9/11 Responders*, November 14, 2013

WIVT TV, News Channel 34, Binghamton NY, *B.U. Alumni Shares Ground Zero Litigation Experience*, November 20, 2013

News 12 Westchester, NY, *Ground Zero Settlement*, November 19, 2010

News 12, Westchester, *Camp Safety*, June 5, 2000

20/20 ABC News, *Cell phones in Automobiles- Unsafe Ergonomic Design*, March 10, 1997

WNYW TV, Fox News, *Cell phones in Automobiles- Unsafe Ergonomic Design*, August 1, 1995

WPIX TV, Channel 11, *Cell phones in Automobiles- Unsafe Ergonomic Design*, August 1, 1995

NY1 News, *Cell phones in Automobiles- Unsafe Ergonomic Design*, August 1, 1995

WBIS TV, S+ News, *Cell phones in Automobiles- Unsafe Ergonomic Design*, August 1, 1995

WNYW TV, Fox News, *Unsafe Rollerblade Design*, December 11, 1994

WCBS TV, Channel 2, *Unsafe Rollerblade Design*, December 11, 1994

WOR TV, Channel 9, *Unsafe Rollerblade Design*, December 11, 1994

NY1 News, *Unsafe Rollerblade Design*, December 11, 1994

CNN Headline News, *Unsafe Rollerblade Design*, December 11, 1994

NEWS- REPRESENTATIVE LIST/ COMPLETE LIST

REPRESENTATIVE LIST:

The Journal News, “Sickened By 9/11” October 3, 2013

Binghamton University Magazine, “Fighting for First- Responders: Lawyer Helps 10,000 Made Ill by 9/11 Clean-Up”, Summer 2013

The Record (Boston University School of Law Alumni Magazine), “After the Dust Settled at Ground Zero”, Fall 2010

New York Times, “Wide Range of Payments is Outlines in Ground Zero Suit”, June 23, 2010

New York Times, “City Questions 9/11 Workers Claims of Illness”, June 25, 2008

The Journal News, “First Legionnaires’ Lawsuit Filed against Sound Shore”, July 28, 2005

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The Journal News, “Sickened By 9/11” October 3, 2013

Binghamton University Website, “First Responders’ Lawyer Speaks at University Forum”, November 1, 2013

Binghamton University Magazine, “Fighting for First- Responders: Lawyer Helps 10,000 Made Ill by 9/11 Clean-Up”, Summer 2013

The Record (Boston University School of Law Alumni Magazine), “After the Dust Settled at Ground Zero”, Fall 2012

The Journal News, “ 9/11 Crews Agree to Settle Suit for \$625M”, November 20, 2010

New York Post, “Judge Tosses 9/11 Lawyers’ Interest Fees”, August 28, 2010

New York Times, “Judge Rejects \$6.1 Million in 9/11 Case Legal Fees”, August 27, 2010

Daily News, “More Cash on table for 9/11 sick in new plan”, June 23, 2010

New York Times, “Wide Range of Payments is Outlines in Ground Zero Suit”, June 23, 2010

New York Post, “9/11 Sickest Score \$1.8M”, June 23, 2010

New York Post, “City Qualms Turned Aside in 9/11 Cases”, September 17, 2008

New York Times, “City Questions 9/11 Workers Claims of Illness”, June 25, 2008

The Journal News, “ First Legionnaires’ Lawsuit Filed against Sound Shore”, July 28, 2005

The Journal News, “Hospital Sued in Wrong Baby’s Burial”, June 16, 2005

PUBLICATIONS/ LITIGATION BRIEFS

In re World Trade Center Disaster Site Litigation, 521 F.3d 169, (2008). On the brief.

In re World Trade Center Disaster Site Litigation, 456 F.Supp.2d 520, S.D.N.Y., (2006). On the brief.

“New Rules for Objections and Communications During Depositions”, *Westchester County Bar Association Journal* (2006)

“When Is Notice of Facts Notice of a Claim? The Late Notice of Claim Standard Under GML 50-e”, Groner, William H. and J. Raymond Mechmann, *Westchester County Bar Association Journal* 32 .1 (2005)

Premises Liability Chapter, Groner, John Raymond Mechmann Jr., Co-Author 2004-2005 *New York State Trial Lawyers Institute*, Annual Decisions Program 2005; 2004; 2003; 2002; 2001; 2000;1999

“Federal Jurisdiction Over Lawsuits Involving Toxic Exposure at Ground Zero”, Groner, William H. and J. Raymond Mechmann, *Westchester Bar Association Journal* 21.2 (2004)

“Recent trends in Premises Liability for Maintenance Contractors”, Groner, William H. and J. Raymond Mechmann, *Westchester County Bar Association Journal*, 31.1 (2004)

PROFESSIONAL

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, J.D., 1980

- Student Commencement Speaker- May 18,1980
- Permanent Class President- Class of 1980
- Student Body President 1979-1980
- Sylvia Beineke Robinson Award-1980: “For Significant Contribution to Life at the School of Law”

Binghamton University, Bachelor of Arts, May 1977

ORGANIZATIONS/AWARDS

- Binghamton University Alumni Association
 - Board of Directors (2013- Present)
- New York State Trial Lawyers Association:
 - Board of Directors (1990-2006)
 - President/Founder of Westchester Chapter (1998-2006)
- Westchester County Bar Association:
 - Executive Committee (2005-2008)
 - Board of Directors (2004-2009)
 - Co-Chair, Trial Committee (2003-2011)
 - Chair Membership Committee (2004-2006)
- Named to the 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 New York “Super Lawyers” list
- “Top 100 Trial Lawyers”- New York- named to the American Trial Lawyers Association- 2009 List
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum: Member

ADMISSIONS

- 1981, New York State Courts
- 1981, U.S. District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- 1982, U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

PRACTICE AREAS: Personal Injury; Products Liability; Medical Malpractice; Toxic Exposure