

# About the Author

David Berg is a member of the New York and Texas State Bar Associations and the founding partner of Berg & Androphy, a national trial boutique located in New York and Houston.

Beginning his career as a civil rights lawyer, Berg has tried virtually every kind of civil and criminal case, many of them featured in this book. His first major victory came in 1970, less than three years after graduating from law school, when he argued and won a case in the United States Supreme Court (*Schacht v. United States*, 398 US 58). Germane to this book, he tried his first civil case in 1991, obtaining a record \$12.5 million verdict in a railroad crossing case and since then has tried civil cases almost exclusively.

Berg is consistently recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* in eight trial law specialties, including his favorite, Bet-the-Company litigation, as well as Commercial, Antitrust, Patent, Real Estate, Securities and Personal Injury litigation and White Collar Defense. Former CBS General Counsel Lou Briskman has described him as “the Saint Jude of Bet-the-Company litigation” and *Texas Monthly* once wrote that “Berg’s style and courtroom victories put him in a league with Texas’s legal legends,” Joe Jamail and Richard “Racehorse” Haynes.

Berg graduated from the University of Houston Law Center in 1967. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, as well as an Advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has served as a Special Counsel for the Texas State Bar Commission on Lawyer Discipline, a pro bono group that prosecutes lawyer misconduct.

Berg is a frequent CLE lecturer on trial skills and has taught seminars at law schools, including Columbia, Georgetown, Fordham, the University of Texas and the University of Houston Law Center. Most recently he has

delivered lectures devoted to the extraordinary trial skills of his late friend, Joe Jamail, whose \$10.53 billion verdict in *Pennzoil v. Texaco*, in 1985, remains the nation's largest award ever to be affirmed on appeal.

Berg has published more than a hundred articles and essays on legal and general topics in such publications as *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Atlanta Constitution*, *Litigation* magazine, and *Newsweek*. Berg is also the author of the critically acclaimed *Run Brother Run: A Memoir of a Murder in My Family* (Scribner 2013).

Berg is married to Kathryn, a lawyer-turned-theologian, and has three children—his daughter, Caitlin, a George Washington University student and two trial lawyer sons who head their own firms, Geoff in Houston and Gabe in New York.

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