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Best known for:

Practicing with honesty, fairness, and professionalism in my dealings with opposing counsel and the court. I take the position my reputation and credibility is a lawyer's most valuable asset, and I am careful not to jeopardize it through gamesmanship or overstatement. Opposing attorneys know that when I take a position — whether in negotiation, motion practice, or trial — it is grounded in the facts and the law, and that agreements will be honored.

Why I chose my practice area:

I chose personal injury practice because it places the lawyer in the role of restoring balance where there is an inherent disparity of power. The work appealed to me because it requires disciplined trial advocacy to level that field. Representing clients in these cases is, at its core, a modern David-versus-Goliath dynamic — one that demands preparation, credibility, and persistence to ensure that meritorious claims are heard and fairly evaluated.

Most memorable case:

My most memorable cases have been those in which others initially

saw no viable claim. Through focused investigation, strategic motion practice, and trial-level preparation, we were able to achieve results that exceeded what clients believed possible.

What makes me a leader in the field:

I approach cases with a trial-first mindset, preparing each matter as though it will be presented to a judge or jury. I maintain an open-door policy that promotes candid analysis of risk and strategy, and I expect precision and professionalism from my team.

How I've made my firm stronger:

We have strengthened the firm by emphasizing preparation, clarity, and credibility in every matter. We've found a team that works seamlessly together as a single unit.

How to strengthen my practice:

My focus is on deepening the firm's reputation for trial readiness and courtroom credibility through continued investment in litigation training and thoughtful integration of technology.