



David L. Winnett

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Bio

David L. Winnett is a skilled trial attorney representing catastrophically injured plaintiffs. Having joined The Veen Firm's Peters Trial Team in 2014, Mr. Winnett brings invaluable experience from his previous work on behalf of defendants.

Mr. Winnett was a partner at the esteemed defense firm, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, where he practiced for 13 years. While there, Mr. Winnett tried several cases involving employment matters, personal injuries and professional malpractice.

Before working in civil law, Mr. Winnett was a prosecutor in the St. Clair County, Illinois, State's Attorney's Office. There, he tried numerous felony cases, honing trial skills that he now utilizes on behalf of plaintiffs seeking to rebuild their lives after serious injuries. While working as a prosecutor, Mr. Winnett also taught domestic violence law at the Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy.

Mr. Winnett lives in Novato with his wife and three daughters. They are active in the Bay Area softball community and Marin School of the Arts and enjoy cooking and traveling together as a family.

EDUCATION

- Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, Illinois
 - J.D. – 1995
 - Honors: Finalist, Freshman Moot Court
 - Honors: Received the Corpus Juris Secundum Award for Torts
 - Honors: Dean's Scholarship Recipient
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois
 - B.A. – 1992
 - Honors: James Scholar
 - Major: English/Pre-Law



BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 2002
- Illinois, 1995
- U.S. District Court Northern District of California, 2002
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of California, 2005
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Illinois, 2000
- U.S. District Court Southern District of California, 2005
- U.S. District Court Central District of California, 2010
- U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit, 2010

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Construction Accidents
- Workplace Injuries
- Personal Injury Accidents
- Dangerous Property
- Defective Products

Professional Associations and Memberships

- American Association for Justice, Active Member
- Bar Association of San Francisco, Active Member
- Consumer Attorneys of California, Active Member
- Marin County Bar Association, Active Member
- San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, Member

Publications

- Avoiding the Voidable: Ensuring Contingency Fees and Fee-Sharing Agreements are Enforceable, December 30, 2014

Professional Experience

- Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
- St. Clair County, Illinois, State's Attorney's Office, Prosecutor



Speaking Engagements

- CAOC Hawaii Travel Seminar, “Avoiding the Voidable; How to Ensure That Your Contingency Fee and Fee-Sharing Agreements Are Enforceable And Sufficiently Protect Your Interests” Speaker, December 2014
- WestLegalEdcenter webinar: “Disaster Response & Recovery” Speaker, September 2013
- Santa Clara County Bar Association seminar: “The Ethics of Social Networking: Avoiding Pitfalls and Exploring Opportunities” Speaker, January 2012
- WestLegalEdcenter webinar: “Recent Developments in the Debate Over Screening” Speaker, October 2010
- Professional Insurance Associates seminar: “If You Are Sued, These Are The Top 10 Questions Your Attorney Will Ask You” Speaker, October 2008
- WestLegalEdcenter webinar: “Lawyers’ Liability for Intentional Torts” Speaker, December 2007

Honors and Awards

- Selected to Northern California Super Lawyers List, 2015 – Top 5% of attorneys, as voted by peers
- Finalist for the San Francisco Trial Lawyers – Trial Lawyer of the Year, 2016
- Rated AV-Preeminent for Ethical Standards & Ability, Martindale – Hubbell, 2014
- Southern Illinois University, School of Law, Juris Doctor 1995, Recipient of the Corpus Juris Secundum Award in Torts

Pro Bono Activities

- Golden Gate Illini Club, Treasurer, 2003 – 2006
- Hamilton Elementary School PTA, Volunteer, 2002 - Present
- Hamilton Elementary School Watch D.O.G.S., Co-Chair, 2007 – Present
- Marin School of the Arts Business Development Committee
- Marin School of the Arts Drama Boosters, Treasurer, 2013 – Present
- Novato Girls Softball, Assistant Coach and Vice President, 2003 – Present
- St. Clair County CASA, Treasurer & Board Member, 1998 – 2002.
- SF Bike Coalition