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Sociology

ANDREW J. NOEL – PARTNER

Andy graduated from Hamline University School of Law in 2002 and joined the firm that same year. His practice is concentrated in the areas of plaintiffs civil rights and personal injury litigation. Andy also has experience in other areas of litigation, including commercial and products liability. Andy has first-chair trial and arbitration experience. He was also part of a trial team that obtained a verdict in excess of \$2 million in a federal civil rights lawsuit. Through FGB's police misconduct practice, Andy has gained substantial experience litigating and trying cases in federal court.

Representative Experience :

Recent Results

Goblirsch v. City of Lakeville, (U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 2009) \$675,000 settlement in a police excessive force case. On December 26, 2006, a Lakeville police officer deployed his TASER on plaintiff as plaintiff stood on his garage roof. Officers arrived at plaintiff's house after a domestic assault. When officers arrived, plaintiff was intoxicated and refused to comply with orders to come off the roof. Plaintiff was barefoot and coatless and the officers at the scene acknowledged that the roof was pitched and icy. After being at the scene for less than eight minutes, plaintiff was tased causing plaintiff to fall off the roof. Plaintiff landed head first on the windshield of his vehicle and suffered a traumatic brain injury with loss of taste and smell.

Taylor v. Minneapolis Golf Club, (Hennepin County District Court, Minnesota, 2008) Robert Bennett and Andrew Noel represented the parents of Abigail Taylor in a wrongful death lawsuit arising out of Abigail's evisceration in the kiddie pool at the Minneapolis Golf Club on June 29, 2007. This historic result included both monetary and non-monetary components. The primary defendant, Minneapolis Golf Club, paid \$8,000,000 and admitted that it was one of the parties responsible for Abigail's death. The club was also required to fire the two managers most responsible for this tragedy. The other defendant, Sta-Rite Industries, paid a confidential settlement amount to the Taylors.

Arcand v. Vietmeier, (Washington County District Court, Minnesota, 2008) \$30,000 settlement in dog bite case where plaintiff sustained laceration and puncture wounds on arm resulting \$2,000 in medical bills and a fingernail-size scar on arm.

Ngo v. Storlie, (U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 2007) \$4,500,000 settlement in civil rights/police misconduct case where plaintiff (a plain-clothes officer) was shot by a fellow police officer after being shot in his bullet-proof vest by an unknown assailant. Plaintiff underwent over 25 surgeries for injuries inflicted by his fellow officer.

Meir v. McCormick, (U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 2007) Five Day jury trial involving allegation of excessive force against the police chief for Chatfield, Minnesota. Plaintiff prevailed on his excessive force claim resulting in a total judgment (compensatory damages, punitive damages and attorneys' fees and costs) of \$364,308.09.

Town v. Thelen, (U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 2007) Plaintiff was a stroke victim with limited comprehension and very diminished speech capabilities. He was stopped for speeding and through a series of missteps by Waite Park Police Officers, ended up with a broken rib and a collapsed lung. The case settled for \$365,000 at an early settlement conference.

Professional Recognition :

"Rising Star," *Minnesota Law & Politics*, 2005 – 2010.

Court Admissions :

Minnesota, 2002
U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 2002
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 2003