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"I have 38 years of experience in litigating complex civil cases, but when my clients have to make important decisions in their cases, I don't make the decisions for them. I give them the advice they need to make the best decisions for themselves."

A principal in Joseph, Greenwald & Laake's Civil Litigation Practice Group, Steve Pavsner has nearly four decades of experience in litigating a wide range of complex civil cases, including business litigation and professional negligence cases, such as medical, legal, architectural, accounting, engineering, and psychiatric malpractice. Steve is particularly passionate about his work in the area of legal malpractice. He believes the law is a noble profession, and takes it personally when attorneys betray their clients' trust.

Steve is also a well-known products liability litigator, and was plaintiffs' trial counsel in *Howard v. Ford Motor Company*, a class action involving millions of consumers and some 22 million vehicles that resulted in the first-ever state court-ordered recall imposed on a carmaker. The case ultimately was resolved in a settlement with an estimated value of more than a billion dollars.

Most of Steve's clients are referrals from former clients and lawyers who know him and the quality of his work. Steve also taught highly regarded courses in medical liability and trial advocacy at the Washington College of Law of American University for nine years.

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Practice Areas

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Civil Litigation
Medical Malpractice
Personal Injury
Administrative Litigation
Arbitration and Mediation
Commercial and Business Litigation
Insurance Litigation
Public Regulation
Examples of Malpractice Cases
Frequently Asked Questions
Types of Medical Negligence Claims
Auto Accidents
Product Liability
Professional Negligence

Education

Georgetown University, J.D.,
1975
Princeton University, A.B.,
1972

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia, 1975
Maryland, 1976
Florida, 1975
Pennsylvania, 2011

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the
District of Maryland
U.S. District Court for the
District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
District of Columbia Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Fourth Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court