



Past Speaking Engagements

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2026

August 11-12, 2026 *Chicago, IL*

Speaker at National Trial Lawyers' Association's Big Truck & Auto Summit

August 10, 2026 *Indianapolis, IN*

Speaker at Indiana Trial Lawyers' Association's Winning Truck Wrecks Seminar: "Improving Mediation Outcomes: Early Process Activation & the Discipline of Credibility"

July 16, 2026 *Webinar*

Speaker with William Pentecost, Jr., for the Transportation Lawyers' Association (TLA)

June 26, 2026 *Webinar*

Speaker at Kentucky Justice Association's "Handling the Commercial Motor Vehicle Claim" Seminar. My topic: The Seven Deadly Sins of Settlement Demands and Negotiation Committed by Plaintiffs' Attorneys."

June 1-3, 2026 *Dallas, TX*

Speaker with Carole Ridgeway of Maverick Transportation at the International Risk Management Institute (IRMI) Transportation Risk Conference: "Effective Mediation Strategies in Trucking Litigation"

May 6-8, 2026 *Columbus, OH*

Speaker at Ohio Association for Justice's Annual Convention: "Speaking the Language of the Defendant: Communicating for Maximum Impact in Resolution of PI Cases"

April 24, 2026 *Nashville, TN*

Speaker at Tennessee Trial Lawyers' Association's Trucking Seminar: "The Seven Deadly Sins of Settlement Demands and Negotiation in Commercial Motor Vehicle Cases"

March 31, 2026 *Webinar*

Speaker with fellow members of the Association for Diverse Arbitrators and Mediators (ADAAM): "Driving Better Outcomes in Mediation: Strategy, Selection and Settlement in Today's Dispute Landscape"

March 26, 2026 *Gainesville, FL*

Guest Speaker for the University of Florida's Pi Alpha Delta law fraternity: "Careers in Law: Lessons From a Winding Path"

March 18, 2026 *Orlando, FL*

Speaker at the Florida Justice Association's John Romano Workhorse Seminar: "The 7 Deadly Sins of Settlement Demands & Negotiations Committed by Plaintiffs' Attorneys in Commercial Motor Vehicle Cases"

February 19, 2026 *Webinar*

Speaker with Shannon Frankel to the Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) Women's Caucus: "The Road to Resolution: Mediating Complex and Catastrophic Trucking Cases"

February 6, 2026 *Charleston, WV*

Speaker at West Virginia Association for Justice's Mid-Winter Convention & Seminar: "Speaking the Language of the Defendant: Communicating for Maximum Impact in PI Cases"

January 26, 2026 *Phoenix, AZ*

Speaker at Knight-Swift's Panel Counsel Meeting

2025

November 11, 2025 *Baltimore, MD*

Speaker at the Maryland Association for Justice, Inc.'s Annual Auto Negligence Seminar

October 30, 2025 *Atlanta, GA*

Speaker at Shiver Hamilton Campbell's Trial Skills Seminar: "Speaking the Language of the Defendant: Communicating for Maximum Impact in PI Cases"

July 28–29, 2025 *Denver, CO*

Panelist with Dr. Rachel York (Magna Legal Services) and Mark Barrow, Esq. (Sweeney Wingate Barrow PA) at the American Trucking Association's Trucking Legal Forum: "Lessons From A Win: Dissecting the Successful Defense of A High Exposure Case"

April 4, 2025 *Daytona Beach, FL*

Addressed the Florida Justice Association's "Winning Truck Crash Cases" Seminar

March 13, 2025 *New Orleans, LA*

Appeared with Mike Miller, Esq. (Drew Eckl & Farnham LLP), the Hon. Gino Brogden, Sr. (Henning Mediation), Maxey Scherr, Esq. (Scherr Law Firm), and William McKenzie, Esq. (McKenzie PLLC) at the American Bar Association's Transportation Megaconference XVII: "Mediating a Trucking Case From All The Sides"

January 27, 2025 *Miami, FL*

Appeared with Brent Goudarzi, Esq. (Goudarzi & Young, LLP) and John Givens, Esq. (The Cochran Firm) at the National Trial Lawyers' annual Trial Lawyers' Summit: "Resolving Catastrophic Cases"

2024

October 17, 2024 *Webinar*

Addressed the combined monthly meeting of the Transportation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Committees of the International Association of Defense Counsel

September 26, 2024 *Nashville, TN*

Appeared with Rodney Max, Esq. (Upchurch, Watson, White & Max) at the Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys' National Symposium: "Mediating Trucking Cases: What Works, What Doesn't, & How Decisions are Being Made / The View in the Other Room"

August 14, 2024 *Chicago, IL*

Appeared with Rodney Max, Esq. (Upchurch, Watson, White & Max), Brent Goudarzi (Goudarzi & Young, LLP), Ray Khirallah, Jr., Esq. (Khirallah Boston PLLC), and Dino Columbo, Esq. (Columbo Law) at the National Trial Lawyers' first annual Big Truck & Auto Summit: "When & How to Resolve a Big Truck or Commercial Auto Case"

August 14, 2024 *Chicago, IL*

Appeared with Rodney Max, Esq. at the National Trial Lawyers' first annual Big Truck & Auto Summit: "Designing the Mediation"