

# FACULTY

**Thomas P. Branigan, *Bowman and Brooke***, Managing Partner and Executive Committee member, routinely defends high exposure claims involving complex technical issues and products against automobile makers and other vehicle manufacturers. Recognized by his peers, Tom is rated AV by Martindale Hubbell. He has also been recognized as one of America's top forty trial lawyers under 40 by the National Law Journal, was named in *The Legal 500 U.S.* and *Chambers USA*, was called a Top Lawyer, Product Liability and Commercial Litigation, 2009 by *DBusiness Magazine*, and was named to the Irish Legal 100, in 2009. He is the co-author of a handbook entitled: Michigan Product Liability and Automobile No-Fault Reform Legislation.

**Paul G. Cereghini, *Bowman and Brooke***, Managing Partner and Executive Committee member, is one of the firm's founding attorneys, who focuses his practice on defending household-name corporations including manufacturers of automobiles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and other products against product liability, commercial and other major liability claims. He has defended his clients to verdict in more than two dozen catastrophic injury and wrongful death trials, and has defended cases in over 39 states. Paul is one of the firm's top trial lawyers and has been widely recognized as one of the foremost automotive product liability trial lawyers in the United States by *The Legal 500* and *Chambers USA*.

**Jeffrey T. Gorcycya, *Bowman and Brooke***, is Co-Managing Partner of Bowman and Brooke's Detroit office. He defends manufacturers in product liability actions throughout the United States. Don't be fooled by his youthful appearance. He is a veteran trial lawyer with an emphasis in automotive litigation. Jeff has tried high-exposure cases in many venues across the country and frequently deals with technical experts in automotive design, engineering, accident reconstruction and biomechanics.

**Gerald W. Jackson, *Exponent, P.E.***, is a Senior Managing Engineer, Vehicle Engineering. Gerald's areas of expertise include transmissions and controls, accident reconstruction, and vehicle performance. He is skilled in non-destructive testing, data acquisition, spatial analysis, and instrumentation. Additionally, Mr. Jackson is adept at visual presentation of scientific concepts and the applications of computer animation and digital video. He is also an accomplished computing systems expert, software programmer, and computer hardware integrator.

**Thomas M. Klein, *Bowman and Brooke***, Partner in the firm's Phoenix office, concentrates his practice on defending product manufacturers in products liability litigation, dealer and distributor termination litigation, and toxic tort litigation in the southwest and Texas. Having tried cases from California to Texas to South Carolina, he spends a great deal of time talking to juries, as well as studying and defending designs of many kinds, particularly in the automotive arena. Tom has represented clients in cases involving automobiles, motorcycles and power tools for some of the world's largest companies. He has tried cases in ten different states and appeared on behalf of clients in half of the states in the country. Tom has been recognized by *The Legal 500 U.S.* and *Southwest Super Lawyers Magazine*.

**Robert C. Lange, *Exponent***, is Principal and Group Vice President of Vehicle Engineering. Robert has almost 40 years of experience in automotive engineering, specializing in motor vehicle safety and public health. He has worked in areas including: safety technology development; collision causal factors; collision and injury risk assessment; occupant performance; owners' manuals and warnings; vehicle dynamics, responsiveness, and control; tire and wheel systems; chassis systems and collision avoidance; rollover vehicle dynamics, occupant kinematics, and injury mechanisms; occupant protection technologies; fire cause, origin and propagation; fuel system design and performance; post-collision performance and response; defect investigations; among many others.

**Andrea L. Moody, *Bowman and Brooke***, is a Partner with noteworthy experience defending Fortune 50 manufacturers in complex product litigation cases. She has gone to trial several times, with active roles at counsel table examining witnesses and arguing evidentiary issues. Andrea also has significant experience with pattern litigation. She has defended the nation's largest automakers in claims alleging identical defects in multiple venues. She has also served as an interim discovery attorney for a major corporation, responsible for responding to discovery requests in pattern litigation. Andrea was named a Rising Star by *Michigan Super Lawyers Magazine*.

**Donald D. Parker, *Exponent***, a Principal, Vehicle Engineering, with more than 35 years in the industry, is an experienced mechanical and automotive body design engineer who specializes in vehicle body design analysis, crashworthiness and accident reconstruction in all types of crashes. His experience in industry and consulting includes the packaging, design and manufacturing of most body structural systems, including roofs, doors, and energy-absorbing frame elements, as well as assessing the use of alternate materials such as composites and structural foams in vehicle structures.

**Beth A. Rose, *Ford Motor Company***, is Managing Counsel for Product Litigation at Ford Motor Company. Before returning to the Product Liability group, she led Ford's in-house Discovery Group, which handles defensive discovery in product litigation and class action matters as well as government investigations. Beth joined Ford in 1995 and has practiced in the Discovery and Product Litigation groups. Beth obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and graduated summa cum laude from Wayne State University Law School in 1995, where she was an associate editor of the Wayne Law Review.

**Joel H. Smith, *Bowman and Brooke***, Managing Partner of our South Carolina office, focuses his practice on the defense of product liability litigation, with an emphasis on automotive products and component parts. In his nearly 30 years of experience, Joel has played a first-chair trial role in automotive litigation nationwide. He has defended many types of cases, including catastrophic injury claims involving roof crush, restraints, rollover, crashworthiness, and tire defects, among others. Joel has represented product manufacturers in venues across the country. Joel has been named in *The Legal 500 U.S.*, *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers in America*, and *South Carolina Super Lawyers Magazine*.

**Jan Swart, *CFEI, Exponent***, Principal, Electrical & Semiconductors, specializes in battery system failure analysis and in the design of battery systems, charging systems, and power conversion solutions, including product safety performance evaluation. Jan provides consulting services related to power electronics systems used in conventional, hybrid, and electrically powered vehicles.

**Barry C. Toone, *Bowman and Brooke***, is a Partner in the firm's Phoenix office who dedicates his litigation and trial practice to product liability matters involving catastrophic injury and loss. He has defended a wide range of products from pharmaceuticals to power tools but has propensity for defending products on wheels. He has defended tractor-trailers, industrial machinery, motorcycles, passenger cars, light trucks and SUVs. Barry has tried lawsuits in several states, including Arizona, California, Oklahoma, and Texas. His major clients include Ford Motor Company, Toyota Motor Corporation, and Volvo Cars of North America. Barry has been recognized as a *Southwest Super Lawyer*.

**Jenny L. Zavadiil, *Bowman and Brooke***, is a Senior Counsel in our Detroit office. Jenny's practice is concentrated on defending automobile manufacturers in product liability and consumer actions. Jenny regularly defends corporate clients in complex discovery matters and serves as national discovery counsel for a major automobile manufacturer in the areas of airbags and rollover curtains, event data recorders, and handling and stability. Jenny has significant experience in all areas of discovery management including collecting, processing, and producing hard copy documents and electronically stored information, as well as handling all aspects of written discovery.