

# FACULTY

**Janell M. Adams**, *Bowman and Brooke*, Partner, manages both complex and routine tort cases of virtually every type and size, but focuses her trial practice on catastrophic personal injury and product liability defense. She manages national discovery projects for a major recreational product manufacturer. She has both first and second chair jury trial experience, and has also handled cases at the appellate court level. Janell is a member of the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel and the Arizona Women Lawyers Association.

**Mark V. Berry**, *Bowman and Brooke*, Vice Chairman and Managing Partner, is a highly sought after trial lawyer focusing his practice on product liability defense, primarily for motor vehicle and component manufacturers, including Nissan Motor Co., Ltd., Isuzu Motors Limited, Ford Motor Company, General Motors LLC and Kia Motors Corp. He has extensive experience defending complex matters, with particular experience in cases involving rollover stability and crashworthiness. Mark was co-counsel in *Toledo v. Isuzu Motors*, listed as one of California's Top 10 Defense Verdicts of 2002 and was on the trial team for the *Zavala v. Takata* unfair competition class action, tried to verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court in 2009. Mark has been named to *The Legal 500* and has been named a Super Lawyer by *Southern California Super Lawyers Magazine* since 2004.

**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 J. Croteau**, is a Principal Engineer in *Exponent's* Vehicle Engineering practice in Exponent's Boston, Massachusetts office. He specializes in the analysis and reconstruction of motor vehicle accidents. He has expertise in a wide variety of vehicle testing, including vehicle crash and sled tests, vehicle handling tests, automotive component testing, and restraint system evaluations. He was involved in the development and fabrication of Exponent's Controlled Rollover Impact System (CRIS) and has conducted a number of tests with the machine.

**Vincent Galvin, Jr.**, *Bowman and Brooke*, Managing Partner, joined Bowman and Brooke in 1991 to establish the firm's first California office in San Jose and serves on the firm's Executive Committee. He has a national practice, and is recognized as one of the top automotive product liability trial lawyers in the United States. *The Legal 500* identified him as among the top six "Leading Lawyers" in the United States in the field of automotive/transport product liability defense in 2008, and as among the top eight lawyers in the field in 2009. In 2010, Vince was named a "Leading Lawyer" for the third year in a row. He is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and currently serves on the State Committee. He is an Advocate in the American Board of Trial Advocates and a member of the International Society of Barristers and the prestigious Product Liability Advisory Council.

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**Thomas M. Klein**, *Bowman and Brooke*, is a Partner in the firm's Phoenix office, who concentrates his practice on defending product manufacturers in product 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*.

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**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*.

**Darth K. Vaughn**, *Bowman and Brooke*, is an Associate in the firm's Los Angeles office, who concentrates his practice on the defense of corporate clients in product liability, warranty and premises liability cases. Darth has defended a range of products for his clients, including automobiles, asbestos-containing components, ATVs, medical devices and other consumer products.