



Jeffrey A. Danzig Named Newest Partner at Fieger Law

Geoffrey Fieger is proud to announce Attorney Jeffrey A. Danzig as the newest partner/shareholder at Fieger Law, joining himself and Bob Giroux at the helm of the top personal injury firm in the country.

“Jeff has been a loyal and devoted employee of the Fieger Firm for well over a decade,” Fieger said. “In addition to handling numerous multi-million dollar cases, Jeff has worked tirelessly in overseeing our intake and case referral department. Jeff’s legal ability, loyalty and industrious nature combined to make him the perfect person to rise in the firm and have the honor of having his name on the letterhead.”

In his new position, Danzig will continue to lead Fieger Law’s intake and referral departments, where he reviews hundreds of calls that come into the firm each week from prospective clients. After reviewing the merits of each potential case, he takes appropriate action, either referring them to an attorney within Fieger Law, or to an affiliate firm with the appropriate legal specialty.

Danzig also will continue to handle personal injury cases for the firm.

“I love the opportunity to be an aggressive trial attorney representing my clients’ interests to the best of my ability, as well as the opportunity to obtain solid legal representation for as many deserving clients as possible, whether inside or outside the firm,” Danzig said.

Danzig said he is honored by his new position as partner at the prestigious Fieger Law.



Jeffrey A. Danzig

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“It’s like reaching the pinnacle of a mountain that you have been climbing your entire professional life,” he said. “Geoffrey Fieger’s drive and motivation are second to none and he sets the pace for the entire firm’s success.”

Jeffrey A. Danzig

A 1984 graduate of U of D Law School, Danzig worked for 18 years at Lopatin, Miller, where he was a top litigator, with several multi-million dollar verdicts.

In 2005, Danzig and Geoffrey Fieger won a jury trial in an industrial accident case in Wayne County for \$24.8 million. In 2007, Danzig and Fieger resolved another industrial accident case for \$8 million.

In their most recent verdict, Danzig and Fieger won a jury trial in Wayne County, on behalf of a young boy who suffered catastrophic brain injury when struck by a motor vehicle, for \$15 million.

Danzig and Fieger are currently working on a wrongful death construction site accident claim which could exceed previous awards.



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Attorney Spotlight: Jonathan R. Marko

Fieger Law welcomed Jonathan Marko in 2010. One could say that it was his destiny to land at Fieger Law after a two-year clerkship with Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly of the Michigan Supreme Court. It was a childhood dream of his to become a trial lawyer, to argue and win in the courtroom, to help people who are less fortunate — all hallmark characteristics of the team of lawyers at Fieger Law. Even in law school, Marko represented low income people in the Washington, D.C. area who could not afford an attorney for civil cases.

Marko grew up in Grand Rapids and obtained a B.A. from Aquinas College in 2005. He graduated from American University in Washington, D.C., cum laude, in 2008. He chose American to study law because it had one of the top rated trial advocacy programs in the nation. While there, Jon excelled and was recognized as one of the top performers. He was mentored by one of his trial advocacy professors, a Circuit Judge in Maryland, who was impressed with his natural trial abilities and invited Jon to work for him while in law school.

Marko's next stop was an appellate clerkship with the Michigan Supreme Court, which was a tremendous experience and gives him a unique background for trial work at Fieger Law. He worked on hundreds of appeals each month, observing the missteps made by attorneys in the trial court. Jon yearned for a less monastic atmosphere and knew he belonged in the courtroom.

“Justice has nothing to do with what goes on in a courtroom; Justice is what comes out of a courtroom.”

– Jonathan Marko, Fieger Law

In his spare time Jon enjoys spending time with friends and family, staying active, playing tennis, racquetball, cycling, and watching football.

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Geoffrey Fieger Eulogizes Long-Time Client and Friend Dr. Jack Kevorkian



In Memoriam: Dr Jack Kevorkian May 26, 1928 – June 3, 2011

Dr. Jack Kevorkian was a rare human being. He was an historic man. He was a rare human being who could single-handedly take on an entire society by the scruff of its neck and force it to focus on the suffering of other human beings.

It's a rare human being who has the courage, as Dr. Kevorkian did, the courage of his convictions, and who is strong enough, as Dr. Kevorkian was, to stand up against never-ending threats and attacks that were made upon us by the most powerful figures in our society — the Governor, the Supreme Court, the Michigan Court of Appeals, the police, the prosecutor.

It's a rare human being who understands both intellectually and

emotionally the freedoms that are contained within our Constitution and the right, as Dr. Jack used to say, of every human being to make his or her own decisions about his or her own lives, consistent with their own conscience and without the interference of government.

My friend Jack Kevorkian didn't seek out history but he made history. He was a physician first and foremost who had an acute sense of compassion and respect for the dignity of his patients, "the patient before him," he used to say.

He simply felt that it was the duty of every physician to alleviate, to overcome, the patient's suffering and he also felt when that duty involved dying patients, patients whose suffering

couldn't be alleviated through medicine, whose pain was never-ending that in such circumstances when there was no legitimate alternative, it was the duty of physicians to help patients end their own suffering, and in some cases that meant the right of patients to end their own lives.

When politicians and churchmen and medical associations asserted their claim that only they could make the decisions for suffering and dying people, Dr. Jack Kevorkian had the strength of his own convictions to risk his own freedom and at times to risk his own life for the rights of his patients and ultimately for the rights of all of us.

Jack was not a religious man but ironically he embraced the spiritual idea of sacrificing one's own life out of love and commitment for the right cause and for others' suffering. Through his courage and determination he shined a light on a right that I believe, he believed, and I think most of us believe that we hold innately, that tens and thousands of people now are no longer abandoned to suffer until dead because of his convictions and his courage.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian was a client of mine who became a friend. We supported each other. We argued with each other. We laughed with each other. For 10 long years we stood arm and arm together when it mattered most. I'll cry alone for him now. I will personally miss him.

I am personally grateful to him for having given me the opportunity to have known a great man.

In every man's life comes a wave that if taken at its crest will lead to success. Dr. Jack Kevorkian and I along with him rode a wave together and now he rides alone to a greater destiny.

**This is a transcript of Geoffrey Fieger's remarks at a press conference held at Fieger Law on June 3, 2011, the day of Dr. Jack Kevorkian's passing.*



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Introducing the Newest Faces at Fieger Law

Fieger Law welcomes eight new attorneys to its growing ranks. The talented team will allow the firm to continue to serve its clients and obtain record-breaking verdicts and settlements. To read bios on each attorney, please visit www.fiegerlaw.com.



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Charlie Langton

Legal Eagle

You probably recognize Charlie Langton's face from FOX 2 News, where he often appears as a legal analyst, or his voice, from his new post as morning drive time host on WXYT AM 1270. Langton has won four Emmy awards for Excellence in Legal Broadcasting, due in part to his personal experience as an attorney and president of Langton Law Firm in Sterling Heights. A long-time colleague of Fieger Law, Langton shares his thoughts on his mother's cooking, his love of art and why he's grateful to former Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

What is your favorite color?

Purple.

What is your favorite song?

"I Am the Walrus."

What is your favorite restaurant?

Boodles.

Who is your favorite Detroit celebrity?

Kwame Kilpatrick (I thank him for my new career).

Where is your favorite place to be?

Out to dinner with my wife with a good bottle of wine.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Out to dinner with my wife with a good bottle of wine.

Which historical figure do you most identify with?

Christopher Columbus.

Which living person do you most admire?

My mother (but not for her cooking).

Which trait in yourself do you most deplore?

Procrastination.

What trait do you most deplore in others?

Laziness.

What's your greatest extravagance?

Art collection (Detroit artists).

What is your favorite journey?

I'm on it ...!

What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Responsibility.

On what occasion do you lie?

How much junk food I eat.

Which living person do you most dislike?

I don't dislike anyone.

What is your greatest regret?

Not disliking more people.

When & where were you the happiest?

Winning my first Emmy.

Which talent would you most like to have?

To play a 12-string guitar.

What is your current state of mind?

Excited.

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

I wish my nose was smaller.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Haven't had it yet.

What is your most treasured possession?

Original Normal Rockwell charcoal painting.

Where would you most like to live?

New York City.

What is your most marked characteristic?

Voice.

What do you most value in your friends?

Quick wit and laughter.

Who are your favorite writers?

Dave Ashenfelter & M.L. Elrick

Who is your favorite hero of fiction?

Tom Sawyer.

Who is your hero in real life?

My wife.

How would you like to die?

Assisted suicide (when I'm ready).

If you were a speech part, what would you be?

Verb (action word).

If you were a car, what kind would you be?

The Batmobile (the original one).

If you were food, what kind would you be?

Hot pepper.

If you were an animal, what kind would you be?

Dingo.

If you were fine art, what form would you take?

Mixed media.

What's your motto?

"It's all good!"

What's your favorite quote about the law?

"Never underestimate the wisdom of the jury!"



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GDW: Geoffrey Did What? Shined Spotlight on Assisted Suicide

Assisted suicide activist Jack Kevorkian and Attorney Geoffrey Fieger are caught in the middle of a media frenzy during one of seven murder trials. Kevorkian passed away on June 3, 2011. See page 4 for Fieger's statement upon the passing of his long-time client and friend.

