

**Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys Seminar  
Taking Your Case to Trial, February 22, 2019  
Seminar Faculty**

Dr. Richard L. Wiener, Ph.D., received his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Houston and studied law at the University of Nebraska/Lincoln (UNL) College of Law where he earned a Master's Degree in Legal Studies. He is currently the Charles Bessey Professor of Psychology and Law at UNL where he served as the director of the Law and Psychology Program from 2002 until 2015. Dr. Wiener is the past editor of *Law and Human Behavior*, the official journal of the American Psychology/Law Society (Division 41 of the American Psychological Association) and is currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI). Wiener serves as the research consultant for the Nebraska Administrative Office of Probation (NAOP) and also serves the Nebraska Judiciary as a Supreme Court appointee to the Committee on Problem Solving Courts. Dr. Wiener also serves as a trial consultant and is the co-editor of the book, *Handbook of Trial Consulting* (2011).

Professor Wiener studies the application of social and cognitive psychology to problems of legal decision-making with a focus on jury decision making. He is the recipient of funding from the National Science Foundation, National Institute of Justice and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Dr. Wiener has published numerous research articles, edited volumes, book chapters and law review articles. Professor Wiener teaches courses at the graduate level and in the Law College at UNL. Dr. Wiener is best known and cited for his work in legal decision-making including judgments about sexual harassment, jury decision making in capital murder, and emotion in the law. He has published numerous articles in the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, *Law and Human Behavior*, *Sex Roles*, *Psychology Public Policy and the Law* and the *Journal of Experimental Psychology - Applied*. In addition he is the editor, co-editor, and major contributor to several books in the University of Nebraska Law and Psychology book series, which include "*Social Consciousness in Legal Decision Making: Psychological Perspective*" (2007), "*Civil Juries And Civil Justice: Psychological And Legal Perspectives*" (2008), "*Mental Disorder and Criminal Law: Responsibility, Punishment and Competence*" (2009), "*Emotion and the Law*" (2010), *Problem Solving Courts* (2012), *Justice, Conflict and Wellbeing* (2014).

Mark Richardson, Rembolt Ludtke LLP, Lincoln received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska College of Law, with high distinction, in 2011. He was Executive Editor, Nebraska Law Review, 2009-2011, and Order of the Coif. His practice focuses Commercial and Corporate Litigation, Personal Injury and Wrongful Death, Products Liability. He is a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, Lincoln Bar Association, and the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys.

In July of 2014, the Nebraska Supreme Court announced the appointment of Mark A. Weber of Omaha, Nebraska, as Nebraska Counsel for Discipline. He began his work with the Judicial Branch in September 2014. He is a graduate of Creighton University (1984) and Creighton School of Law (1987).

Weber was a trial attorney for nearly 30 years, focusing his practice on personal injury, criminal cases, insurance litigation, and commercial work. He tried approximately 25 jury trials involving both civil and criminal cases, and had a significant civil and criminal appellate practice which included many capital cases. He represented several Nebraska death row inmates at trial and on appeal such as John Joubert, Clarence Victor, Arthur Lee Gales, and Roy Ellis. In 1994, he argued the case of *Victor v. Nebraska*, 511 U.S. 1 (1994), before the United States Supreme Court. Eventually, Mr. Weber's appeals lead to the removal of Clarence Victor from death row in 2000 after proving Victor's mental retardation.

Weber served as a member of the Nebraska Supreme Court Advisory Committee (which advises on attorney ethics issues) since 2004, and chaired the committee from 2007 until his current appointment. His professional associations and memberships include the American Bar Association, The National Association of Bar Counsel, the National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards, the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, and the Nebraska and Omaha Bar Associations.

James J. Paloucek, Paloucek, Herman & Wurl, North Platte received his law degree from Notre Dame Law School, and has been in private practice for 25 years specializing in personal injury, workers' compensation, and insurance law disputes. He is active in the Lincoln County Bar Association, Nebraska State Bar Association, and the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys. He has served on the NATA Board of Directors since 1997, and as President of the association in 2008-2009. Jim has served on a number of Judicial Nominating Commissions since 1999. He has extensive state-wide experience in professional speaking and writing on civil litigation subjects.

Robert Pahlke, The Robert Pahlke Law Group, Scottsbluff, has been a leading attorney in the fields of personal injury, product liability, FELA and medical malpractice for over three decades, and is recognized by his peers not only in Nebraska but several surrounding states as well. He is frequently sought out to co-counsel on complex serious personal injury cases and wrongful death cases by attorneys not only from Nebraska and surrounding states but many cities and states throughout the United States including New York City, Florida, Missouri, California, Washington, Montana and others.

In his early career he took on the United States Government and the Department of Army in which he brought suit for the improper disposition of World War I war gases including mustard gas and phosgene that exposed a cowboy client who worked next to the 20,000 acre Black Hills Army Ordinance Depot resulting in serious permanent and disabling lung scarring injuries because of the improper destruction of extremely dangerous gases. Since then Bob has fought tirelessly for people injured by dangerous products, careless drivers, unsafe railroad working conditions and equipment and negligent medical care that resulted in verdicts exceeding \$40 million and settlements far in excess of the verdicts. Other areas of practice that Bob has handled includes fires caused by negligent practices by railroads, electrical power companies and defectively designed or manufactured electrical power equipment which resulted in damages into the millions of dollars and in excess of 75,000 acres burned. He has handled class actions involving deceptive practices and fraud committed upon thousands of people throughout the state and beyond. Mr. Pahlke served as president of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, and continues to serve on its Board of Directors.

D. Scott Glasser, Professor, Professor and Artistic Director, College of Communications, Fine Arts & Media University of Nebraska, received his Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from the State University of New York, Geneseo, and a Master of Fine Arts in Acting from Cornell University. He is a professional stage director, actor, teacher, administrator, dramaturg and consultant who lends his expertise and creative services to theater throughout the United States. He has directed over 170 productions and has been a guest artist at professional theatres and colleges across the country. In 2004, Glasser joined the graduate faculty as Professor of Theatre in the School of the Arts at the University of Nebraska in Omaha. He has led many student theatre study abroad intensives in Lithuania and London. In 2009, Glasser became the Undergraduate Chair, and transitioned to Artistic Director in 2017.

Jason G. Ausman, Ausman Law Firm PC LLO, Omaha, received his JD from the Creighton University School of Law in 2001, and has practiced in Omaha since August, 2001. In May, 2007, he founded the Ausman Law Firm. Since that time, he has continued to dedicate his practice exclusively to plaintiff's personal injury. He was recently recognized as one of the "Top 40 under 40" trial lawyers in the State of Nebraska by The National Trial Lawyers. He is a member of the American Association for Justice and the Nebraska State Bar Association. He has served on the NATA Board of Directors since 2008, and is currently serving as President Elect of the Association.

Kathleen Neary, Powers Law, Lincoln, received her law degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law. Her practice specializes in employment and housing litigation for plaintiffs, representation of employees and tenants in discrimination, harassment and retaliation cases as well as Whistle blower, 1st Amendment and wage and hour litigation, and plaintiff personal injury and wrongful death cases. She is a past president of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, and of the Nebraska Chapter of the National Employment Lawyers Association. She is a member of the NSBA's Women's Law Section, and received the Outstanding Contributor to Women and the Law Award.