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Education UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL, Madison, WI
J.D., May, 1990

Honors: Graduated cum laude
Dean's List
Wisconsin International Law Journal
Note and Comment Editor

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, Notre Dame, IN

Bachelor of Arts, May, 1987

Overall GPA 3.4/4.0

Major: Government and International Studies GPA 3.5

2nd Major: Program for Administrators GPA 3.6

Honors: Graduated cum laude
Dailey Memorial Scholarship
Pi Sigma Alpha (Government Honor Society)
Dean's List (six semesters)
Government Department Honors Essay

Work Experience:

Peterson, Johnson & Murray, S.C.

Milwaukee, Madison, Manitowoc, Kenosha, WI and Chicago, IL

Managing Partner, Madison office, 1996-present

Attorney, July, 1990 - present

- Research and writing involving legal and medical malpractice, products liability, defamation, class actions, contract and various insurance defense cases.
- Work up and trial of cases in the areas of legal and medical malpractice, products liability, class actions, contract and insurance defense issues. Additional experience dealing with and appearing in front of various administrative bodies.
- Successfully defended multiple personal injury claims, professional liability claims, class actions, products liability suits, contract disputes and administrative actions, auto accident, homeowner, and general liability claims.
- Successful and growing mediation practice.

Wisconsin Supreme Court, Justice Steinmetz, Judicial Internship, 1989-90

- Research and writing of bench memos and reading and evaluating the parties' briefs.

Peterson, Johnson & Murray, S.C., Milwaukee, WI, Summers and breaks, 1988-90

- Research and writing involving all aspects of civil litigation.

University of Notre Dame, Government Department, 1986-87

- Research for Dr. Kommers, Notre Dame Law School, for his book on German Constitutional Law.
- Research for Professor Peter Walshe, Director of South African Studies

University of Wisconsin Law School

- Note and Comment Editor, Wis. Inter. Law Journal, 1989
- Writer for The Advocate (law school newspaper) 1988-90
- Treasurer and Secretary of Gavel 1988-90
- Intramural Basketball 1988-90

University of Notre Dame

- Community Service Director, Dillon Hall, 1985-1987
- Junior Class Community Service Commissioner
- Notre Dame Pre-Law Society
- Director, South Bend Urban Renovation Project, 1986
- Asst. Director, St. Joseph's Tutoring Program, 1986
- Varsity Cross-Country, 1983
Intramural Boxing, Hockey and Basketball

Activities Post Law School

AV Rated by Martindale Hubbell

Certified Trial Attorney by the National Board of Trial Advocacy in 2004

Voted One of the Best Lawyers in Dane County in 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007-2016

Civil Trial Counsel of Wisconsin (CTCW) - Defense Trial Bar, Past President 2006

Member of James E. Doyle Inns of the Court and former Treasurer

Investigator for Office of Lawyer Regulation

Repeated lecturer for the State Bar, CTCW, NBI, Lorman Business Institute and PESI

State Bar of Wisconsin, Eastern and Western District

Federal Courts for the State of Wisconsin

Elected to American Board of Trial Lawyers (ABOTA); President 2017

Voted a Wisconsin Super Lawyer- Personal Injury Defense in 2007-016 (Top 50 Lawyers in the State)

Best Lawyers in America - 2009, (Top 25-Dane County) 2016

Inducted into American College of Trial Lawyers – 2017

Adjunct Professor, Wisconsin Law School

- Special Skills:**
- Speak German with some degree of proficiency
 - Avid runner

References Available upon request.

The following is a list of class actions/high profile cases handled by Attorney Crooks in the last several years:

1. Counsel for Brown & Williamson in State of Wisconsin v. Tobacco action - settled while dismissal motion pending;
2. Counsel for Brown & Williamson in Insolia v. Tobacco individual suits - dismissed on summary judgment;
3. Counsel for Ford Motor Company in Metke v. Ford, Explorer roll-over cases – dismissal achieved;
4. Counsel for Merck & Company in State of Wisconsin v. Pharmaceutical Cos., settled;
5. Currently involved in Eichenseer v. State Bar & Grill - liquor drink special class action, dismissed on summary judgment;
6. Counsel for Anheuser Busch in Tomberlin v. Anheuser Busch - alcohol class action, dismissed on summary judgment;
7. Counsel for Attorney J.B. Van Hollen in Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen v. WCVP, defamation action brought on behalf of Attorney General Elect, dismissed;
8. Counsel for Kerr-McGee (in a plaintiff benzene poisoning case) Christ v. Kerr-McGee, et al., pending;
9. Counsel for Justice Jon Wilcox in Kelly v. Wilcox, election law case;
10. Counsel for First Alert in Werner v. First Alert, carbon monoxide multiple death case, dismissed with prejudice;
11. Counsel for Samsung in Gopalratnam v. Hewlett-Packard, et al., dismissal on summary judgment achieved;
12. Counsel for Godfrey & Kahn in Meriter v. LaFollette Sinykin, et al., settled;
13. Counsel for Erhard & Payette in KDC Foods v. Erhard & Payette, settled;
14. Counsel for CUNA Mutual in Eggen v. WESTconsin Credit Union, pending settlement;
15. Counsel for Kiesling & Associates in Stop-N-Go v. Kiesling & Associates, settled.

BIOGRAPHY

Mike Crooks is a shareholder with the Milwaukee firm of Peterson, Johnson & Murray, S.C., where he runs the Madison office. His main areas of practice are commercial litigation, legal malpractice, medical malpractice, accounting malpractice, insurance defense and coverage issues, bad faith litigation, products liability work, premises liability, defamation suits, breach of contract, personal injury defense and third-party recovery. He also spends about 35% of his time mediating cases. Mike received his B.A. degree, cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame and his J.D. degree, cum laude, from the University of Wisconsin. Since law school, he has lectured for the State Bar's "Building Your Practice" series, for the Wisconsin Judicial College, for the Civil Trial Counsel of Wisconsin on litigation issues and municipal immunity, for the Wisconsin Law School on mediation, discovery practices, and various other litigation related topics for many other groups. In 2011, he taught Pre-Trial Practice for the University of Wisconsin Law School. He became a Board Certified Trial Lawyer in 2004. In 2005-2006, he served as President of the Civil Trial Counsel of Wisconsin, and was a long time member of the Board of Directors for CTCW. Additionally, he was formerly the Treasurer of the James E. Doyle Inn of Courts. He served as a Special Investigator for the Office of Lawyer Regulation. He was listed in the 2006-2016 Super Lawyers. He was inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocacy (ABOTA) in 2007 and became Treasurer in 2015. In 2016, he was voted President of ABOTA. He was named to the Best Lawyers in America in 2007-2016, and in 2016 was named defense lawyer of the year. In 2008, he was appointed by Judge John Markson as a Court Commissioner. In 2009-2016, he was named to the Super Lawyers Top 50 in Wisconsin, and Top 25 in Dane County. He is admitted to practice in the State Courts of Wisconsin, Federal Courts of Wisconsin, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Recently, he was sworn into the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell.