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Joe Piorkowski has represented scientists, physicians, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and other product manufacturers in a wide range of litigation, including toxic tort/products liability cases, medical malpractice actions, peer review proceedings, criminal investigations, and FDA matters. His training and experience as a physician and his education in epidemiology enhance his ability to communicate complex scientific concepts in simple, understandable terms to judges and juries. Joe also has extensive experience successfully challenging the testimony of expert witnesses who try to bring “junk science” into the courtroom. Joe has been repeatedly listed by Washingtonian magazine as one of the “Best Lawyers in Washington” and is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel.

As a physician, Joe is board certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine (Aerospace Medicine), American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice, and the American Board of Legal Medicine. He served as a Flight Surgeon in the U.S. Naval Reserve Medical Corps for over 25 years; he served as Commanding Officer of his reserve unit for over 5 years; and he retired with the rank of Captain in 2005. He continues to provide medical support to our military service members as an American Red Cross volunteer.

Joe has taught as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center since 1992; courses have included “Trial Practice: Working with Medical Experts” and “Causality in Science and Law Seminar.”

Current and Previous Positions

Founding Partner, The Piorkowski Law Firm, PC (2004-Current)

Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University Law Center (1992-Current)

Physician Volunteer, American Red Cross (2005-Current)

Partner, Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP (2001-2004)

Special Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Office of the Surgeon General of the Navy, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (2000-2005)

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, Georgetown University Medical Center (1995-2004)

Partner, Williams & Connolly LLP (1998-2000)

Commanding Officer, NR Medical Dental Unit 0166 (1992–1997)

Associate, Williams & Connolly LLP (1989-1997)

Flight Surgeon, Naval Reserve Medical Corps (1988–2005)

Judicial Clerk, The Honorable Oliver Gasch (United States District Court for the District of Columbia) (1988–1989)

Articles Editor, Georgetown Law Journal (1987-1988)

Senior Medical Officer, Naval Air Facility, Branch Clinic (1986–1988)

Flight Surgeon, Naval Air Facility, Branch Clinic (1984–1988)

Flight Surgeon, Carrier Air Wing THREE (1982–1984)

Internship, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda (1980–1981)

Practice Areas

- Pharmaceutical and Medical Device products liability
- Medical malpractice defense
- Admissibility of expert testimony and complex scientific evidence
- Civil Litigation

Education and Training

- The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, M.P.H., (1992) (*Delta Omega Honor Society*)
- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D. (1988) *magna cum laude*, (*Order of the Coif*)
- Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Designated Naval Flight Surgeon (1981)
- National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, Internship (1980-1981)
- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, DO (1980)
- Hofstra University, B.A., *cum laude* (1976) (*Psi Chi*)

Bar & Court Admissions

- District of Columbia, Maryland, Texas
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Fourth and Fifth Circuits
- United States District Courts for the District of Columbia and the District of Maryland

Medical Licenses and Certifications

- Licensed physician in Maryland the District of Columbia
- Fellow, American College of Preventive Medicine
- Fellow, American College of Legal Medicine
- Diplomate, American Board of Preventive Medicine (Aerospace Medicine)
- Diplomate, American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice
- Diplomate, American Board of Legal Medicine
- Instructor, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, American Heart Association
- Instructor, Advanced Trauma Life Support, American College of Surgeons

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Presentations

"Fundamentals of Taking Expert Depositions," August 14, 2013, DC Bar CLE Program, Washington, DC

"Selecting and Working with Expert Witnesses," August 14, 2013, DC Bar CLE Program, Washington, DC

"Daubert: The Next 20 Years" (Panel with Eric Lasker, Paul Cauley, Christine Marlewski), International Association of Defense Counsel Annual Meeting, July 10, 2013, Maui, Hawaii

"Implications of the U.S. Protect Act for Anti-Human Trafficking Enforcement in the Philippines," Presentation to Philippine National Police Special Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking, June 14, 2013, Cebu, Philippines

"Cross Examination Skills," Effective & Credible Expert Witness Testimony, American College of Legal Medicine Review Course, February 21, 2013, Las Vegas, Nevada

Publications

"Medical Testimony and the Expert Witness" (Chapter 5), *Legal Medicine & Medical Ethics (8th Edition, 2010)*

"Unappreciated and Underutilized: The Use of Positive Predictive Value to Challenge the Scientific Reliability of Diagnostic Tests", *International Association of Defense Counsel Newsletter (June 2008)*

"Propofol Use Under the Direction of Trained Gastroenterologists: An Analysis of the Medicolegal Implications" (co-authored with James Aisenberg, MD and Lawrence B. Cohen, MD), *American Journal of Gastroenterology (2006)*

"Bayer's Response to "Potential Conflict of Interest in the Evaluation of Suspected Adverse Drug Reactions: Use of Cerivastatin and Risk of Rhabdomyolysis"", *Journal of the American Medical Association (December 1, 2004)*

"Note: Between a Rock and a Hard Place: AIDS and the Conflicting Physician's Duties of Preventing Disease Transmission and Safeguarding Confidentiality", *Georgetown Law Journal (1987)*

"Note, Professional Conduct and the Preparation of Witnesses for Trial: Defining the Acceptable Limitations of "Coaching"", *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics (1987)*