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Location

New Orleans, LA

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Aviation
- Civil Litigation
- Energy
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Transportation

Jurisdictions

- Louisiana

Mr. Glas is a partner in the firm, and a member of the Civil Litigation Department. A significant portion of his practice involves Product Defect, Transportation, Negligent Security, Premises Liability, Intentional Torts, Toxic Exposure, and General Aviation cases throughout Louisiana.

Mr. Glas focuses on handling brain trauma claims, and has tried to verdict four brain trauma cases in the last four years. He has lectured on the testimony of neuropsychologists and neurosurgeons at legal education seminars, and serves as the moderator for Lorman Educational Services' annual one-day *Fundamentals Of Brain Trauma Cases Seminar* in New Orleans.

He has handled several cases for the oil and gas industry, including defending against claims involving plant exposure, scaffolding accidents, equipment failure, premises defect, slip & fall, and work-related auto accidents.

Mr. Glas has also defended manufacturers and owners of equipment against claims that their machinery is unreasonably dangerous by design under the Louisiana Products Liability Act. He has defended the design of 900-Series streetcars, mobile container ramps, and bucket trucks.

Mr. Glas has defended numerous commercial airlines, handling claims arising out of boarding accidents, claims governed by the Warsaw Convention, and claims brought under the Louisiana Products Liability Act.

Mr. Glas has defended law enforcement personnel in Parishes throughout Louisiana, as well as the leading manufacturer of electronic control devices, against claims filed by criminals and prisoners.

Mr. Glas has defended companies and employees against claims filed by co-workers who alleged that their workplace accident was the result of intentional tort and that their claims fell under the intentional tort exclusion to the Louisiana Workers Compensation Act.

Former Career As A State Prosecutor

Before joining the firm in 1999, Mr. Glas served as an assistant district attorney for the Parish of Orleans.

As a state prosecutor, Mr. Glas obtained extensive experience with jurors in Orleans Parish. During his first year in the Felony Trials Division, Mr. Glas tried more than sixty jury trials to a verdict, including four murder trials, four rape trials, six burglary trials, seven robbery trials, and fourteen drug distribution trials. He was placed in charge of Section "G" of Criminal District Court, and promoted to senior assistant district attorney.

Mr. Glas also obtained invaluable experience in appellate advocacy. While serving in the Appeals Division, he authored more than forty appellate briefs and writs of certiorari, including the appellee's brief in fifteen published opinions. He successfully argued cases before the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal and the Louisiana Supreme Court. See *State Ex Rel Wise v. State*, 97-2511 (La. 5/14/99); 736 So.2d 162; see also *State v. Landry*, 98-0188 (La. 1/20/99); 729 So.2d 1019; *State v. Nguyen*, 97-0020 (La.App. 4 Cir. 1/14/98); 707 So.2d 66.

Mr. Glas is particularly proud of his service as a special prosecutor. During his last three months at the New Orleans District Attorney's Office, Mr. Glas tried two 1st degree (capital) murder trials. The first trial resulted in four first degree murder convictions for the man who committed what the media called the "mid-city massacre." The second trial resulted in a second degree murder conviction for a man who shot a neighbor who was confined to a wheelchair. Both men are serving life sentences.

Community Involvement

Mr. Glas is a native of New Orleans and graduated from Jesuit High School (class of 1987) as did his father (class of 1961) and his grandfather (class of 1923). After obtaining his M.A. in philosophy from the University of Toronto, he returned to New Orleans and taught theology at his alma mater before starting law school at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University.

Mr. Glas volunteers as an attorney-coach for Jesuit High School's Mock Trial Team. Since 2001, Jesuit's Mock Trial has won the Regional Championship Tournament five times. In 2006, the Mock Trial Team won the State Championship Tournament, and finished 11th at the National Championship Tournament in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Glas has performed significant pro bono work, and was awarded the Louisiana State Bar Association's 2009 Pro Bono Publico Award and the Federal Bar Association's 2009 Camille Gravel Public Service Award for obtaining a life sentence for an inmate on Angola's death row after eight years of pro bono representation.

Education

J.D., Louisiana State University, 1996

M.A., Philosophy, University of Toronto, 1992

B.A., Philosophy, College of the Holy Cross, 1991

Jesuit High School, 1987