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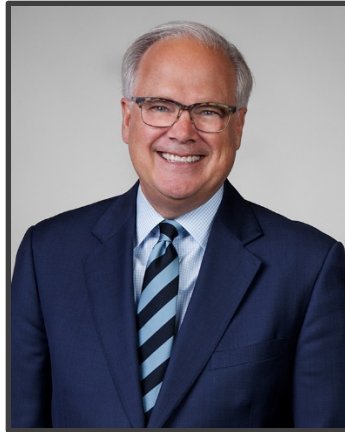
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Ralph A. Weber is one of the founding members of Gass Weber Mullins, a national trial litigation law firm recognized by the National Law Journal on its national “Hot List” of boutique firms.

Mr. Weber is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, which is recognized as the leading trial lawyers organization in the United States and Canada. The prestigious international lawyer reference, [Chambers Guide-USA](#),



identifies Mr. Weber as a top commercial litigator. As quoted therein, his clients and peers describe him as “very thoughtful, top-notch and outstanding,” they admire his “command of a courtroom” and note “He is the calm in a storm.” [Benchmark Litigation](#), the definitive guide to America’s top litigation firms and attorneys, identifies Mr. Weber as a Local Litigation Star. In the guide, Mr. Weber is described by one of his peers as “the kind of trial lawyer I’d like to see more of. Understated, strategic and level-headed, not into trying to scare people by flapping his arms and making a lot of useless noise.” He also has been recognized by his peers for many years through selection to [Best Lawyers in America](#), and he has been selected in Best of the U.S. as one of the “Best of Class” service providers in the United States. The Wisconsin Law Journal honored Mr. Weber in 2014 as a “Leader in the Law.”

Mr. Weber has represented clients in several of Wisconsin’s highest profile lawsuits over the past several decades. He and his colleagues won a \$50 million verdict for a commercial client, which verdict was the second largest of its type nationally and number 45 of the Top 100 Verdicts of

2012 per the National Law Journal and Verdict Search. Mr. Weber won a multi-million dollar verdict in Portland, Maine for a food processor whose supplier sold it adulterated product. A few examples of his other multi-week trials include: civil rights/school desegregation (30 parties, 15 weeks), construction site negligence and product liability (Milwaukee Brewers' Stadium crane collapse, 7 weeks), accounting malpractice (5 weeks), product liability-agricultural equipment (5 weeks), tortious interference/defamation (4 weeks) and chemical exposure (2 weeks). His appellate experience includes multiple oral arguments before the Wisconsin Supreme Court and intermediate appellate courts.

In addition to a full legal practice and serving as a Marquette Law School adjunct Trial Advocacy Professor (where he has taught Trial Advocacy for 20 years), Mr. Weber has been active as a community supporter. He has founded and worked with several educational, charitable and nonprofit groups, including the Marquette University National Alumni Board, the Board of the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, the Marquette University College of Arts & Sciences Alumni Board, and the FC Milwaukee Soccer Club.

Mr. Weber serves as a member of the Northwestern Mutual Board of Trustees, the Board of the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism, the Board of Frank Beverage Companies and the National Board for Rocketship Education, a San Jose-based network of public elementary charter schools serving primarily low-income students.

Mr. Weber graduated from Columbia University Law School where he served on the Law Review. He then clerked for the Hon. Richard D. Cudahy, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. His undergraduate degree is from Marquette University where he studied history and philosophy, graduating summa cum laude and becoming a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Trials:

- *Margaret Long v. Fairbank Farms, Inc., et al. and Alice Smith v. Fairbank Farms, Inc., et al.* (2 week foodborne illness/product adulteration trial)
- *Milwaukee Public Schools. v. Tommy Thompson, et al.* (15 week school desegregation court trial)
- *Wischer v. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries of, et al.* (7 week crane collapse jury trial)
- *Chevron Chemical v. Deloitte & Touche* (5 week accounting malpractice jury trial)
- *Sharp v. Case Corp.* (5 week product liability jury trial)
- *Peter Parthum, M.D. v. American Nat'l. Can, et al.* (4 week interference with contract and defamation jury trial)
- *KBS Construction, Inc. v. Cathedral Place, LLC* (2 week AAA construction claim arbitration)
- *Koester v. Case Corp.* (2 week product liability jury trial)
- *Campbell v. Crown Equip. Corp., et al.* (2 week product liability jury trial)
- *Hansen v. Crown Equip. Corp., et al.* (2 week product liability jury trial)
- *Nigh v. Dow Chemical, et al.* (2 week product liability/chemical exposure jury trial)
- *Richland Valley Products v. The St. Paul Ins. Co.* (2 week breach of contract/bad faith jury trial)
- *Realty Services, Inc. v. Safford* (2 week interference with contract jury trial)
- *Jay Dee v. Tews* (2 week breach of contract court trial)
- *Lewis v. Case Corp.* (1 week wrongful death jury trial)
- *Kenneth Wenger v. Crown Equipment Corporation* (1 week product liability jury trial)
- *Fort Howard v. Merlin Hygenic, et al.* (1 week trade secret injunction hearing)
- *Frankenmuth v. Case Corp.* (4 day product liability jury trial)
- *Westlund v. Werner Ladder* (3 day product liability jury trial)
- *CareNetwork v. Genesis* (3 day breach of contract arbitration)

- *Share v. Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co.* (2 day breach of contract court trial)
- *Richland Valley Products v. St. Paul Fire & Marine* (2 day tortious interference with contract jury trial)
- *In Re: Wisconsin Judicial Commission* (2 day trial before 3-judge panel representing a judge re: alleged violation of judicial conduct rules)
- *Hicks v. Crown Equip. Corp.* (1 day product liability jury trial)

Publications & Presentations:

- Co-Editor, *Dear Americans: Letters from the Desk of Ronald Reagan* (Doubleday, 2003).
- “*Protecting Confidential Information Exchanged with Public Relations Counsel*,” presented to Business Counsel Institute – Crisis Management, Milwaukee, WI, November 2011.
- “*Role Models to Direct the Choir: Successful Programs for Educating the Educators and Others with Influence on Consumers about the Perils and Pitfalls of Raw Milk*,” presented to IAFP Annual Meeting 2011, Milwaukee, WI, July 2011.
- “*Daubert Today – A Standard for All Wisconsin Courts*,” presented to the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association Annual CLE Program, Milwaukee, WI, April 2011.
- “*Innocent Parties in Outbreak Investigations: How Rushing to Judgment can Lead to Wrongful Recalls and Wasteful Lawsuits*,” presented to the 4th Annual China International Food Safety & Quality Conference & Expo, Shanghai, China, November 2010.
- “*Reportable Food Registry*,” presented to Wisconsin Association of Food Protection, Madison, WI June 2010.
- “*How United States Lawsuits Will Impact Your Business and Food Safety*,” presented to China International Food Safety & Quality Conference & Expo, Beijing, China, November 2009.
- “*Uncovering the Truth in Food-Borne Illness Litigation – Defending Liability*,” presented to DRI Food Liability Seminar, Chicago, IL, May 2008.
- “*A Step by Step Guide to Defending Food Litigation*,” presented to Grocery Manufacturers of America Food Claims & Litigation Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 2008.
- “*Assessing the Costs of Care and Calculating Potential Damages*,” presented to American Conference Institute, Food-Borne Illness Litigation, Scottsdale, AZ, February 2008.
- “*Wisconsin Tort Updates: Punitive Damages and Bad Faith*,” presented to Wisconsin State Bar CLE Program, Milwaukee/Madison, WI, September 2004.
- “*Six Reasons Not to do Jury Studies and How to do Them*,” presented to Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers, Madison, WI, October 18, 2002.

- “*Dispute Resolution in the Real World: Mini-Trials As a Means to Overcome Barriers to Settlement,*” presented to Marquette University’s Center for Dispute Resolution, Milwaukee, WI, April 1996.
- “*Getting the Most Out of Discovery: Using Creative Approaches,*” presented to the American Conference Institute, Bad Faith Claims and Punitive Damages, Los Angeles, CA, March 1996.
- “*Insurance Coverage From the Plaintiff’s Perspective,*” presented to The Network of Trial Law Firms, Amelia Island, FL, October 1995.
- “*Efficient Management of Litigation Portfolios,*” presented to the Business Strategy Network Seminar on State of the Art Advances in Claims and Litigation Management, New York, NY, December 1994.
- “*Contending With Mass Torts: A Critique of the ALI Proposal,*” written for the American Bar Association Torts & Insurance Practice Section Spring Meeting, May 1992.
- “*Use of Demonstrative Exhibits in an Accounting Malpractice Trial,*” presented to the Insurance Defense Tactics Conference, Keystone Resort, CO, March 1992.
- “*Alternative Dispute Resolution,*” presented to the State Bar of Wisconsin Mid-Year Convention, Milwaukee, WI, January 1992.
- “*Alternative Dispute Resolution,*” presented to the American Corporate Counsel Association Mid-Year Convention, Chicago, IL, June 1991.
- “*Arbitration and Other Methods of Alternative Dispute Resolution,*” presented to the M5 International Conference, Cambridge, April 1990.
- “*Severance Pay, Sales of Assets and the Resolution of Omitted Cases,*” 82 Colum. L. Rev. 593 (1982).

Awards & Affiliations:



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