

BICYCLE EXPERT WITNESS

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Experience

I've been providing expert witness services to law firms and attorneys that represent bicycle litigation for over twenty years. I began my competitive cycling career at the age of thirteen. During my seventeen year career as both a top amateur and professional racer, I competed in many countries throughout the world and was exposed to a wide variety of conditions along the way. I worked in and managed Bicycle Shops in New York, Florida, Colorado & California and attended bicycle assembly, maintenance and safety classes in all four states. This experience affords me a first-hand understanding of the numerous hazards faced while riding a bike.

- Member of the 1980 and 1984 USA Olympic Cycling Teams.
- Recognized as one of the top amateur and professional cyclist this country has ever produced.
- Member of the US National Cycling Team for over 10 years.
- Recipient of a Congressional Gold Medal in 1980 for Athletic Achievement.
- Founder and Director of Shapiro Cycling Camps 1983-1990, provided cycling safety and riding instruction.
- In 1985 I was the 3rd American to ever compete and finish the Tour de France, 74th place - the world's most prestigious bike race.
- In 1984, 1st place American's version of the Tour de France called the Coors Classic.
- In 1997 I was inducted into the "Cycling Hall Of Fame" as part of the original 7-Eleven Cycling Team to Compete in the 1986 Tour de France.
- In 1990 I served as the Technical advisor and writer for the video "Cycling for Success", produced by the 7-Eleven Bike team. The video was the first of its kind to offer cycling safety tips and techniques. It was created for all levels of cyclists, from the serious racer to amateur enthusiast.

Cycling Accomplishments

1975 Junior National Championships Road Race - 2nd place
1975 Junior National Championships Individual Time Trial - 2nd place
1976 Junior World Championship Trials - 2nd place
1977 Junior National Championships Road Race - 3rd place
1977 Junior National Championship Individual Time Trial - 2nd place
1979-1984 Member of the USA National Cycling Team
1980 New York State Road Race Champion - 1st Place
1980 Olympic Team Member (USA boycotted and Doug received a gold medal from Congress)
1982 Coors International Bicycle Classic - 10 day event - 2nd place overall
1983 Coors International Bicycle Classic - 3rd place overall
1983 Member of the US Pan American Team
1983 Tour of Texas Stage Race - 3rd overall

1983 US National Championships Road Race - 3rd place
1984 Coors International Bicycle Classic - 1st place
1984 Tour of Texas Stage Race - 3rd overall
1984 Olympic Team Member
1984 Tour De Ardennes 5 Day Stage Race - 1st Place Stage 2, 4th overall
1984 Settimana Bergamasca Stage Race, Italy - 1st Place Stage 1, 5th overall
1985 Tour De France - 3rd American to ever compete and finish - 74th Overall
1985 Tour D'Laude - 2nd and 3rd place stage finishes
1985 Kurne-Brussels-Kurne - 5th place
1986 US Pro Championships 3rd place
1988 National Capital Open - 1st place
1988 Las Vegas Sports Festival - 1st place

Honors

- Congressional Gold Medal, Presented At The White House For Athletic Achievement (1980)
- United States Olympic Committee, Honored For Character & Achievement (1980)
- NY Suffolk County's Medal of Honor For Athletic Achievement (1980)
- Gary Hart – Colorado Senator- Honored For Hard Work and Dedication (1984)
- Congress Of The United States – House of Representatives – Honored For Representing USA,1984 Olympics
- United States Olympic Committee Honor (1984)
- The Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, Inductee (1999)
- American Legion Auxiliary (1980)
- Member Of The Cycling Hall Of Fame As Part Of The Original 7-Eleven Cycling Team To Compete In The 1986 Tour de France, Inductee (1997)

Affiliations

Member, League of American Bicyclist - Representing the interests of the nation's 57 million cyclists. To promote bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation and work through advocacy and education for a bicycle-friendly America.

Consultant and Expert Witness For Bicycle Accidents Related To

- Surface defects and obstructions
- Bridges
- Mechanical, structural failure including frame, forks and components
- Auto
- Pedestrian
- Dog
- Roadway grades & curves
- Illumination – road & cyclist
- Cyclist skills/ human factors
- Bike Assembly and maintenance

Education

- University of Florida, 1982 Associate of Arts
- Bicycle Safety Certification, February, 2005 League of American Bicyclists