

Simpson and Tuegel provide experience, advocacy, results clients deserve

When you need someone in your corner to fight for you in the courtroom and get the verdict or settlement you deserve, one of the best options in the state is right here in our backyard.

Simpson and Tuegel offers a broad range of services in the areas of trucking and 18-wheeler wrecks resulting in death or serious injury, catastrophic injury, and wrongful death lawsuits.

Attorney Mike Simpson has practiced law locally for close to 50 years and tried hundreds of cases in court. In that time, he's gained national recognition for securing many large jury verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients. In the last year alone he has secured settlements in the amount of \$40.5 million, \$22 million and other amounts that may not be disclosed due to confidentiality agreements. He's also secured actual jury verdicts in excess of \$470 million for his clients.

Fighting for individual people who've faced horrible injuries or for families who've lost a loved one has been the center of Simpson's practice for decades.

"I meet with people in the hardest times in their lives," Mike Simpson said. "It is important that clients in smaller communities like ours know that they have an advocate on their side who knows the county and has a depth of experience in fighting for people in such tough situations. I am proud of the large verdicts and settlements I've obtained over the years for the clients we've represented, but even more proud that families and individuals in Wise County and beyond entrust us to do such heavy personal work on their behalf. It has been an honor of my lifetime to get to stand with people who've needed us to fight for them."

His work has consistently been recognized for excellence over the years. Mike is rated AV Preeminent, the highest possible, by the attorney peer review organization Martindale-Hubbell. He is also a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and was named

one of the top 100 trial lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers from 2011 to 2020. Mike has been named to the Super Lawyers lists annually since 2003.

Mike's three daughters — Michelle, Mackenzie and Maryssa — have also all followed their dad into different areas of the law.

Michelle Simpson Tuegel is the founding partner of The Simpson Tuegel Law Firm based in Dallas and has represented sexual abuse and assault survivors in high-profile cases such as the Larry Nassar litigation, where she helped obtain a \$500 million settlement against MSU as part of a group of attorneys representing survivors against The U.S. Olympic Committee, Michigan State University, and USA Gymnastics. In 2021, Michelle obtained a record \$44.6 million dollar verdict against Hilton Hotels for facilitating the sexual assault of a hotel guest.

Sister, Maryssa Simpson, recently joined Michelle as a partner. Maryssa has been named among Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America, Top 40 Under 40 Civil Plaintiffs by the National Trial Lawyers and a Texas Rising Star by Texas SuperLawyers.

Mackenzie (Simpson) Wallace is a partner at Thompson Coburn LLP in Dallas, Texas. Her firm represents health care entities and other businesses and directors in high-stakes litigation matters.

"It is a dream come true to see all three of my daughters practicing law. My daughters are hard workers, but their heart for helping others through their legal work and their communities makes me a very proud dad," said Mike Simpson. "As Wise County continues to grow, we will continue to find ways to all work together on cases, and I know my girls and my son-in-law and partner Andrew Tuegel will carry on the torch here in Wise County and beyond in helping injured people and families who've lost loved ones connected to the Wise County community. I plan to continue to do this work with them for

years to come."

In 2019, Mike welcomed his son-in-law, Andrew Tuegel, to the firm. Tuegel graduated from Baylor School of Law in 2010, where he met his wife, Michelle.

Andrew has been named to Texas Rising Stars, which honors the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state, every year from 2015 to 2020. He's also been recognized as a National Trial Lawyers Top 40 under 40 in 2019 and 2020, and he was named a Best Lawyer in America for 2020.

He has successfully tried cases in Texas, Maine, Nevada, North Carolina and Utah. His practice includes representing clients in various mass tort, product liability, personal injury and business litigation cases.

"Working with a family of trial lawyers in the county where my wife grew up and to be law partners with my father-in-law Mike has been an incredible experience. It was a natural fit to join Mike as a partner with my background as a trial lawyer representing people in smaller communities for years in Waco/Central Texas," said Andrew Tuegel.

In 2021, Mike and Andrew were preparing to pick a jury in Fort Bend County (near Houston) when the opposing attorney approached them with a \$40.5 million offer moments before a jury could be selected. The settlement was the largest personal injury settlement in Texas that year and the third largest in the country, according to "Top Verdict."


The case involved a vehicle collision which killed Isaac Keas, who sustained serious burns and died within 24 hours after the wreck. The Keas family contacted the Simpson firm for representation. The death of Isaac left behind his wife, two small children, his mother, father, and sister. The Keas family were great clients who sought to pursue justice for their family.

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