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Phil Theesfeld has been representing insurance companies in property, workers compensation and medical payment subrogation matters for over 20 years. An experienced trial attorney, he has guided several cases to successful verdicts and is one of only a handful of Wisconsin attorneys to have prevailed in a *Rimes* (made-whole) trial. Beyond the courtroom, Phil has participated in over 1,000 mediations during his career, and has developed the skills and relationships which allow him to consistently negotiate excellent recoveries for his clients. Outside the courtroom, Phil helps clients respond promptly to catastrophic losses, coordinating scene examinations and making sure that the right parties are put on notice. He works closely with fire investigators, electrical and mechanical engineers and materials experts to make sure that losses are investigated thoroughly and cost-effectively.

In 2005, Phil founded the Wisconsin Office of Yost & Baill and is its managing partner. Since then, it has grown to become one of Wisconsin's leading subrogation firms, dedicated to the highest levels of customer service.

Phil has been actively involved in the National Association of Professionals for many years. He has served as co-chair of the Wisconsin Chapter of NASP, and on the WI Chapter's Board of Directors. Phil is a frequent presenter at NASP local and national conferences on a variety of subrogation topics. In 2013, Phil was the recipient of the Spirit of NASP Award in recognition of his enthusiastic



support and work on behalf of the subrogation industry.

**Education**

J.D., University of Wisconsin - Madison  
B.B.A. (with honors), University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Admissions to Practice**

Wisconsin State Courts and United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin

**Honors & Awards**

Recipient of Spirit of NASP Award, November 4, 2013

**Leadership**

- Track Leader, 2016 National Association of Subrogation Professionals Annual Conference
- Track Leader, 2015 NASP Annual Conference
- Past Co-Chair, Wisconsin Chapter of NASP Professionals
- Board of Directors, Wisconsin Chapter of NASP
- Track Leader, 2014 NASP Annual Conference

**Professional Associations & Memberships**

- Wisconsin State Bar Association
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals
- Iron Cross Society, University of Wisconsin - Madison

-Pyrotechnics Guild International – Certified Display Technician  
-New York Yankees Fan Club

### **Significant Reported Decisions**

*Gritzner v. Michael R.*, 235 Wis. 2d 781, 611 N.W.2d 906, 2000 WI 68.

*Thomas v. Bickler*, 258 Wis. 2d 304, 654 N. W.2d 248, 2002 WI App 268.

### **Presentations**

#### **2016**

NASP Annual Conference – Colorado Springs, CO. “Small But Mighty: Challenges and Opportunities for Smallish Subrogation Departments”

Insurance Company Presentation – Tempe, AZ. “Wisconsin Medical Payments Subrogation”

#### **2015**

Wisconsin Fire Loss Association – Fond du Lac, WI. “Wisconsin Property Subrogation”

NASP Annual Conference - Reno, NV. Moderator - "What I've Learned," Panel Discussion of Former NASP Presidents

#### **2014**

NASP Wisconsin Chapter Meeting – Madison, WI. “Tips from the Trenches: Best Practices for Handling Property Subrogation Claims”

#### **2013**

NASP Subro College 200 – “Mediation”

NASP Annual Conference - San Diego, CA. “Fireworks & Pyrotechnics Related Accidents”

NASP Wisconsin Chapter Meeting - Green Bay, WI. “Solving the Work Comp Subro Puzzle”

#### **2011**

NASP Annual Conference – Orlando, FL. “Subro College 200 – Mediation”

NASP Wisconsin Chapter Meeting – West Bend, WI. “Spoliation Issues for Subrogation”

NASP Litigation Skills and Management Conference – San Diego, CA. “Healthcare Subrogation Mediation”

#### **2010**

NASP Annual Conference – Dallas, TX. Subro College 200. “Mediation”

Insurance Company Presentation – Murfreesboro, TN. “Medical Payments Subrogation”

#### **2009**

NASP Wisconsin Chapter Meeting - West Bend, WI.” Subrogation for Minnesota No-Fault Benefits”

#### **2008**

State Bar of Wisconsin, 31st Annual Torts Update – Madison, WI.” *Muller v. Society Insurance*: Redefining Wisconsin’s Made Whole Doctrine”

NASP Wisconsin Chapter Meeting - Appleton, WI. “Recent Changes to Wisconsin’s Made Whole Doctrine”

NASP Litigation Skills and Management Conference – Las Vegas, NV. “Mock Arguments in Healthcare Subrogation, Mock Summary Judgment on the Economic Loss Doctrine”

#### **2007**

NASP Annual Conference - New Orleans, LA. “Subrogation and the Strange Loss Scenario”  
Wisconsin Claims Council Fall Property Seminar - Sheboygan, WI. “Investigations for Subrogation”

NASP Litigation Skills and Management Conference - Las Vegas, NV. “Mock Arguments in Healthcare Subrogation”

#### **2006**

CPCU Society - Greater Milwaukee Chapter Meeting, Milwaukee, WI. Mock Trial in Property Subrogation

NASP Wisconsin Chapter Meeting - Sun Prairie, WI.” Mock Rimes Hearing”

**2005**

NASP Minnesota Chapter Meeting - Eden Prairie,  
MN. Mock Trial in Auto Subrogation

**Publications**

"Bombs Bursting in Air: A Primer on Fireworks,"  
Fall 2005, *Subrogator*