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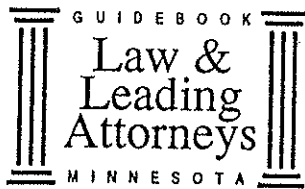
# LAW & LEADING



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## ACCIDENTS AND PERSONAL INJURY LAW - GENERAL ACCIDENTS

•**WILLIAM D. HARPER.** Mr. Harper has tried numerous wrongful death and closed head injury cases since 1977 and has handled five cases which have resulted in verdicts or settlements in excess of one million dollars, including \$7.1 and \$2.4 million verdicts for head-injured clients in automobile accidents, and a \$1.1 million verdict for a heavy equipment operator who came in contact with a buried electric cable while driving his machine. Mr. Harper's practice is limited to personal injury, products liability, wrongful death, and professional malpractice. He functioned as one of the lead counsel in a class action in Duluth resulting from the train derailment of a benzene tanker which ended in a \$2.6 million settlement and presently has numerous individual clients from the spill who are pursuing claims against the railroad on an individual basis.

**Employment History:** 1994-present, William D. Harper, Chartered; Attorney 1990-93, Harper & Harper, Chartered; Attorney 1983-89, Harper and Anderson, Chartered; Attorney 1980-83, Harper and Wirth; Attorney 1979-80, Streefland, Daly and Harper; Attorney 1977-79, Daly and Harper; 1975-77, Ramsey County Attorney Office. Before attending law school Mr. Harper ran an independent insurance agency and has acquired licensure in all lines of insurance. He now uses this experience in dealing with insurance companies on behalf of his clients.

**Representative Clients:** Mr. Harper represents the injured. He was born and raised in Duluth, Minnesota and currently lives in Afton, Minnesota. His practice has required appearances throughout the states, and he is willing to meet with clients anywhere throughout the state or nation. Client references are available upon request.

**Professional Associations:** Certified Civil Trial Advocate 1986, National Board of Trial Advocacy; Certified Civil Trial Specialist 1988, MSBA; MSBA; Washington County Bar Assn.; Board of Governors 1986-present, Executive Committee 1989, 1993, MTLA; Assn. of Trial Lawyers of America; Dean 1993, Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of MN; inducted to the Minnesota Million Dollar Round Table 1993; organizer 1992, master 1992-present, Justice Amdahl Inn of Court; lecturer to other attorneys at Continuing Legal Education seminars in excess of 25 times.

**Community:** Member, DU; MWFA; MDHA; NRA; MCLU; DFL; Past Master, Newport Masonic Lodge #118; Scottish Rite, St. Paul Valley; Osman Shrine.

**Firm:** William D. Harper, Chartered. One fair country lawyer and two really good paralegals.

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