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# ATTORNEY JOE ERVIN

"I want to be **present** for people in pain, lending them **determination** and **will** until they reclaim their own."

# **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

**One of nation's first nine (9) attorneys** to become board certified in truck accident law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA).

**Record civil jury verdict** in Pittsburg County.

Represented truck crash victims' **cases in 64 of Oklahoma's** 77 counties.

**Class "A" CDL holder** with endorsements for double/triple trailers and tankers.

**Nationwide speaker**, presenter, host, moderator, published author and attorney trainer on truck law and trial tactics.

Regent for the **Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys** (ATAA).

**American Association for Justice** Truck Litigation and Bus Litigation Groups member.

**Over 25 years experience** litigating truck accident cases.



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#### BOARD CERTIFICATION

Board Certified in Truck Accident Law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (2018)

### LICENSES TO PRACTICE LAW

The Supreme Court and All Inferior Courts of The State of Oklahoma

- U. S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
- U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

The Supreme Court of the United States of America

#### LEADERSHIP & SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Executive Board Member of National Trial Lawyers' Trucking Trial Lawyers Association

Regent Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA)

Graduate of the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College, Dubois, Wyoming

Holds a valid Oklahoma Class "A" Commercial Driver's License with Endorsements for Double and Triple Trailers and Tankers

Graduate of Roadmaster Truck Driver's School

Rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell® in Personal Injury, Litigation, and Transportation

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS / MEMBERSHIPS

Oklahoma Bar Association (OBA)

American Bar Association (ABA)

Oklahoma Association for Justice (OAJ)

American Association for Justice (AAJ)

American Association for Justice Trucking Litigation Group

American Association for Justice Bus Litigation Group

Pittsburg County Bar Association

#### TEACHING / FACULTY

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) Annual Symposium (October 2022)

Ethics of Confidentially in Settlement Agreements

Oklahoma Association for Justice (OAJ) Trucking Litigation Intensive (September 2022)

Thinking Differently about Discovery and Investigation in Trucking Cases

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) Legacy Trucking Program (May 2022)

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) New Division Trucking Lawyer Bootcamp (April 2022)

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) Legacy Trucking Program (July 2021)

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) Annual Symposium (September 2020)

\*Rear-End Collision\*

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) Annual Symposium (September 2019)

The Graves Amendment

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) Webinar (June 2019)

Rethinking Discovery in Trucking Cases

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) Annual Symposium (September 2018) What is a CMV

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) Annual Symposium (September 2017)

Driver Qualification

American Association for Justice (AAJ) Annual Convention (July 2017)

Leasing Companies

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) Annual Symposium (September 2016)

Route Planning and Parking Issues

Ohio Association for Justice (OAJ) Trucking Seminar (September 2016)

\*Trailers: From Kingpin to ICC Bar\*

American Association for Justice (AAJ) Advanced Trial Advocacy College (October 2015)

Litigating Truck Collision Cases

#### **EDUCATION**

JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.)

University of Oklahoma

BACHELOR'S DEGREE (B.A)

University of Oklahoma

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

PARTNER 2021- PRESENT

The Law Firm for Trucking Safety, LLP

PARTNER 1998-2021

Ervin & Ervin, LLP

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY 1996-1998

Mills & Whitten, LLP

#### TESTIMONIALS FROM CLIENTS

"Joe, I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate all your efforts on the case. I have little doubt that without your involvement, this case never would have come to trial; much less achieve a unanimous verdict in our favor. Thanks for seeing it through. Justice has been served."

STEVE HARRISON, McAlester, Oklahoma

"When I was hit by a commercial truck in Enid, Oklahoma, a friend told me to call Joe Ervin. I was hurt, had medical appointments, and was trying to get back to work. Joe came to me and began working on my case that day. He went with me to the accident scene and really listened. The result he delivered reflected how hard he worked for my family. Joe

Ervin is my attorney and I would recommend him to anyone who has been hurt in a car or truck accident anywhere in the state of Oklahoma."

RON BAGENT, Lahoma, Oklahoma

"My wife was killed in a head-on collision in Northeastern Oklahoma near Claremore. Losing her was devastating, both to me and my daughter. My family attorney brought in Joe Ervin to handle the complex issues in our case. Joe really took care of us; he made sure we were okay and that I understood what was happening and why. Joe Ervin cares about the people he represents and it shows. He gave us what we needed to begin to move past this tragedy. Joe isn't what I expected [from an attorney], he is a whole lot more."

JODY WEST, Claremore, Oklahoma

"I live in Sawyer, Oklahoma (a small town close to the Oklahoma/Texas border). In 2010, my husband was hit by a semi-tractor-trailer. I was given Joe Ervin's telephone number by a relative who worked in the legal profession. When I contacted Joe, he was more than willing to come and speak to us in person. After my husband and I spoke with him, we both knew instantly that he was the one. Joe Ervin helped us and explained everything that we didn't understand. He was extremely helpful and understanding and did a lot more than most. If I ever need a lawyer again, I will definitely call Joe. In fact, I have called him since we won our case, and he has always been extremely helpful."

TAMARA COGBURN, Sawyer, Oklahoma

"When my car was destroyed by a commercial passenger bus on U.S. Highway 69 in Southeastern Oklahoma, I needed serious help. After multiple surgeries, including a four (4) level fusion of my cervical spine, I thought I might lose everything I had worked to build. Then I hired Joe Ervin. He is the best lawyer in the State of Oklahoma for commercial truck and bus accident cases. His firm provides a level of professional service you can't get anywhere else. Their knowledge, experience, and skills are unmatched. [Joe and his team] showed me that I was important by giving my case the time, attention, and hard work needed to win. Not only did they secure my family's financial future, they took care of us. I have personally recommended Joe Ervin to my friends. If you have been in a truck or bus accident, this is the law firm your family needs."

WILLIAM REISS, McAlester, Oklahoma

"I am very appreciative of your dedication in resolving our claim. The seriousness of the negligence was of such magnitude that we could not have left it unresolved, nor could we have accomplished this outcome without your perseverance. You earned our respect and will always have a special place in our hearts. Thank you so much."

DOROTHY CRONE, McAlester, Oklahoma

"I was severely injured by a commercial truck while living in Oklahoma. My injuries required multiple surgeries and extensive medical treatment in Tulsa. A family friend who happens to be an attorney helped me find Joe Ervin. I have never met a lawyer like Joe. He believes in the people he represents, uses great judgment, and provides unprecedented legal strategy. Joe brought a level of compassion, integrity, and professionalism to my case that is difficult to find in today's world. I am proud to call him my attorney and honored to call him my friend. It is hard to find a lawyer you can trust, but I would recommend Joe Ervin to anyone."

EVELYN ANDERSON, New Orleans, Louisiana

"I am a professional truck driver. When I was injured in Southeast Oklahoma near U.S. Highway 69 and the Indian Nations Turnpike, I didn't know who to call. I was immobilized by my injuries and the surgery that followed. I was unable to work. I was unable to take care of my family...I was scared. I am glad I found Joe Ervin. He came to me and took control of a situation that seemed impossible to me. If you are injured, he is the lawyer you need. He took care of us. I mean, he really took the time to care about us. He was so much more than I hoped, and the settlement I received was terrific. He is not just my lawyer, he is my friend."

JOHN MOUTON, Waco TX

"My son was killed in a car wreck in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It was the worst day of my life, and I didn't know what to do. I was referred to [Joe Ervin] by another attorney. Joe came and met with me in my home. We talked about my son, and I will always remember how gentle and caring he was that day. He took care of my family in a professional and respectful manner, but I especially appreciate how he listened. I would recommend Joe Ervin to anyone who has lost someone in a car or truck accident in Oklahoma."

VANESTHER JONES, Ardmore Oklahoma

"My mother was killed and my son was badly injured in a head-on accident on the Indian Nations Turnpike, near Henryetta, Oklahoma. Joe Ervin took care of my family and worked very hard to see that my son got everything he needed. He also made sure that we knew what was happening at every stage of the process. Joe was also there for us after he won our case. He is a terrific lawyer and a good man. I would send my family or friends to him, no question."

NICOLE BROWN, Norman, Oklahoma

"I was badly injured when an 18-wheeler pulled out in front of me at night on a dark highway in Oklahoma. The semi-driver was over his hours and ran a stop sign because he was so tired. I was taken by ambulance to the hospital and, after surgery, I couldn't work or take care of myself or the people who depend on me. A lawyer I know sent me to Joe Ervin. I have never met anyone like Joe. After talking with him, I knew I was going to be alright. Over the next year, the trucking company, insurance lawyers, and driver did everything they could to avoid responsibility. Joe knows what he is doing, and he is determined. He takes care of the people he helps, and he doesn't leave them until the work is done. Joe Ervin is my friend and the only lawyer I would send my friends or family to see. If you are in a crash with a tractor-trailer, he is the attorney you need."

BEVERLY BISHOP, Coalgate, Oklahoma