

# ***Peter F. Barry***

Consumer Rights Lawyer - Curriculum Vitae

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## **Professional Experience**

- October 29, 2005 – Named 2005-2006 Consumer Lawyer of the Year by the National Association of Consumer Advocates
- 1996 to Present – Principal and partner of Barry & Slade, LLC (formerly The Barry Law Office, Ltd.), a law firm practicing exclusively in the area of federal consumer rights. Handled more than 1,300 individual consumer lawsuits, claims and settlements in state and federal court. Extensive focus on illegal debt collection practices.
- 2003 to Present - Adjunct Professor of Law, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota teaching federal consumer rights law.
- 2001 to Present – Individually trained more than 40 attorneys in 18 states in FDCPA litigation practices in an intensive 2.5-day course known as FDCPA Boot Camps™. 2-3 trainings held annually in Minneapolis and other select locations in small group settings of 3-5 consumer lawyers. Developed all course curriculum and materials.

## **Practice Areas**

- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Student Loan Collection Abuses, Invasions of Privacy
- Significant experience in Fair Credit Reporting Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act and Minnesota Motor Vehicle Retail Installment Sales Act, Wrongful Repossession Under UCC

## **Bar Admissions**

- 2003 May 27 – United States Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.
- 2002 January 16 – United States 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals
- 1996 October 25 – Attorney, State of Minnesota
- 2003 February 12 – Attorney, State of Wisconsin
- 1997 April 3 – United States District Court for the District of Minnesota
- 2003 March 3 – United States District Court Western District of Wisconsin
- 2002 January 29 – United States District Court Northern District of Texas
- 2006 – United States District Court of Colorado, Pro Hac Vice (Pending)
- 2004 – United States District Court Southern District of California, Pro Hac Vice
- 2004 – United States District Court Northern District of California, Pro Hac Vice
- 2003 – United States District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Pro Hac Vice
- 2001 – United States District Court Western District of Washington, Pro Hac Vice
- 1994 – Certified Student Attorney, State of Minnesota

## **Education**

- 1996 – Juris Doctor, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota
- 1993 – Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

## **Memberships and Associations**

- 2006 – Hennepin County Bar Association (Pending)
- 2003 – Wisconsin State Bar Association
- 1999 – Federal Bar Association
- 1997 – National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA)
- 1996 – Minnesota State Bar Association

- 1996 – Ramsey County Bar Association

### **Significant Litigation**

- January 4, 2006 – Settled individual FDCPA case against debt collector for abusive phone conversations for \$275,000. Rice v. Inland Legal (USDC-Minnesota Court File No. 04-5104 JMR/FLN)
- December 8, 2005 – Awarded \$58,155 in fees and costs in an individual FDCPA case involving abusive collection calls with co-counsel. Frankenfield v. National Action Financial Systems, Inc. (USDC-ED of Pennsylvania Court File No. 04-cv-00238-ACR)
- December 17, 2003 – Certified as Lead Class Counsel - Remely v. Etan General, Inc. (USDC-ND of Texas, Court File No. 3-01CV2658-K) representing a class of approximately 27,400 Minnesota residents
- June 26, 2003 - Certified as Class Counsel - Domzalski v. Coldata, (USDC-Minnesota, Court File No. CV 01-1883 DSD/SRN) representing a class of approximately 2,600 Minnesota residents
- April 2002 – Certified as Class Counsel - Byrd v. Metropolitan Corporation (Hennepin County, Minnesota, Court File No. CT-00-0169055) representing a class of approximately 3,300 Minnesota residents with class case tried to a jury
- 2000 – Won first reported Minnesota jury verdict on invasion of privacy claim - \$15,000 - O'Brien v. Minnesota Recovery Bureau (Wright County, Minnesota, Court File No. 86-C8-99-000470)
- 1999 – Certified as Class Counsel - Jordan et al. v. Western Diversified Life Insurance Company (Hennepin County, Minnesota, Court File No. CT-96-016337) multi-million dollar consumer case against insurance company for failure to refund unearned portion of premiums representing several thousand Minnesota residents

### **Speaking Engagements**

- June 2-3, 2006 – Featured Speaker on consumer debt collection and the FDCPA at Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington
- February 25-26, 2006 – Featured Speaker and Panel Member at the National Consumer Law Center's Conference on Fair Debt Collection Practices, Austin, Texas
- November 1, 2005 – Guest lecturer in Consumer Law, Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- October 28-29, 2005 – Featured Speaker and Panel Member at the National Association of Consumer Advocates Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- July 28, 2005 – Featured speaker to a large group of attorneys at the Minnesota State Bar CLE Center on the topic of "What Gets Collection Lawyers Sued."
- March 12-13, 2005 – Featured Speaker and Panel Member at the National Consumer Law Center's Conference on Fair Debt Collection Practices, Washington, DC
- February 21-22, 2004 – Featured Speaker and Panel Member at the National Consumer Law Center's Conference on Fair Debt Collection Practices, Kansas City, Missouri
- September 16, 2004 – Featured speaker to a large group of attorneys at the Minnesota State Bar CLE Center on the topic of "FDCPA: A Plaintiff's Perspective."
- December 19, 2003 – Featured Speaker at the Minnesota State Bar Association's Landlord/Tenant Committee on lawful debt collection issues
- October 24, 2003 – CLE Speaker on Fair Debt Collection topics at National Association of Consumer Advocates Conference in Oakland, California
- September 17, 2003 - Featured speaker at Minnesota State Bar Association Center on the topic of unlawful debt collection practices
- May 21, 2003 – Featured speaker at Hennepin County Bar Association, Creditor Debtor Section, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- March 1, 2003 – Featured speaker at Minnesota Trial Lawyers Conference, Duluth, Minnesota

- January 15, 2003 – Featured speaker at a roundtable conference before students and staff at William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota on the topics of consumer rights and solo practice
- September 2002 – Featured speaker North American Collection Agency Regulatory Authorities Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana
- September 2002 – Featured speaker at Woodbury Public Safety Seminar on Identity Theft, Woodbury, Minnesota
- August 2002 – Featured speaker at Minnesota Trial Lawyers Conference, Alexandria, Minnesota
- March 2002 – Speaker at Continuing Legal Education Class on Legal Debt Collection and Consumer Rights, Eagan, Minnesota

#### **Other Accomplishments**

- 2003 – Class counsel directing \$7,121 as Cy Pres Award to the Minnesota Legal Services Coalition, St. Paul, Minnesota arising out of Remely v. Etan General, Inc. litigation
- 2003 – Class counsel directing \$11,824 as Cy Pres Award to the National Consumer Law Center arising out of Domzalski v. Coldata, Inc. litigation
- 1996 - Competitor at National Trial Advocacy Competition, Chicago, Illinois
- 1995 - Won CALI Award for Excellence on Criminal Appeals
- 1995 - Law Clerk - In Re: Lenihan Civil Commitment Litigation
- 1995 - Student Attorney - Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners
- 1994 – Volunteer Housing Advocate - St. Paul Tenants Union

#### **Publications**

- March 2002 – Published “Avoiding Lawsuits Under the FDCPA”, Consumer Credit Collector Advisor, Vol. 10, Issue 3
- 1996 – Present – Creation, publication and maintenance of all content on FDCPA consumer website [www.lawpoint.com](http://www.lawpoint.com)

#### **News Stories & Articles**

- April 2004 - Named a 2004 SuperLawyer by Minnesota Law & Politics Magazine
- February 13, 2004 - Interviewed and clients featured in a story on KSTP Channel-5 involving abusive collection practices (Minneapolis-St. Paul)
- March 5, 2004 - Interviewed and client featured in an investigative story on abusive debt collection practices with CBS Evening News (National)
- February 2004 – New York Times, New York. Background interview for story on abusive debt collection practices and the credit card industry
- May 19, 2003 – Appeared in abusive debt collection practices story on [www.Bankrate.com](http://www.Bankrate.com) consumer financial services website and [www.msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com)
- April 18, 2003 – National Public Radio, Boston, Massachusetts. Background interview for story on abusive debt collection practices
- April 2003 - Named a 2003 SuperLawyer by Minnesota Law & Politics Magazine
- November 20, 2002 – KSTP-TV Channel 5, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota. Appeared in story on abusive debt collection practices and tape recorded collection calls

#### **Volunteer Work**

- March 2005 – Lobbied against bankruptcy reform in Washington, D.C.
- 2004 - National Consumer Law Center, Member of Federal Lobbying Committee
- 2003 - 2006 - National Consumer Law Center, Ad Hoc Planning Committee for the Conference on Fair Debt Collection Practices
- November 2003 - University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota – informal brown bag luncheon to help identify consumer law topics that affect equal justice
- 2001 to 2004 - Habitat for Humanity, St. Paul, Minnesota
- 2000 to Present - William Mitchell College of Law Student Mentor Program

- 1999 to Present - Attorney mentor assisting new consumer lawyers in Minneapolis, Portland, Allentown, San Diego, Colorado Springs, and Cleveland
- 1997 to Present - Presiding and Scoring Competition Judge, Minnesota State Bar Association High School Mock Trial Competition

**Personal**

- Born 1964 in San Jose, California
- Married with two children, with another on the way
- Live in St. Paul, Minnesota

**Professional References**

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