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Joseph Siprut is the founder and managing partner of Siprut PC. His practice encompasses a wide spectrum of litigation, with an emphasis on challenging cases against powerful, well-funded adversaries. He has been appointed lead or co-lead class counsel in some of the largest and most complex class actions in the country, and has substantial first-chair experience in all aspects of litigation, including trial, arbitration, and mediation. He was named a "Super Lawyer" in Illinois for Class Action Litigation, and holds an *AV Preeminent* rating by Martindale Hubble, the highest possible peer review rating. Mr. Siprut was also selected for membership in the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates forum, one of the most prestigious groups of trial lawyers in the United States. Membership is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements, and fewer than 1% of U.S. lawyers are members.

Mr. Siprut has appeared in dozens of publications and television and radio broadcasts worldwide, including CBS Radio, NPR, ESPN, Bloomberg Law, Law360, the Chicago Tribune, and more. He has been deemed by the media as the "Friend of the Frequent Fliers" for his successful litigation crusades against the airline industry on behalf of airline customers, as well as a "Leading Sports Reformer" for his advocacy to combat the problem of concussions and head injuries in college sports.

Mr. Siprut is an Adjunct Professor at Northwestern University School of Law, where he teaches in the Trial Advocacy program. He is a frequent author and speaker, having published over 25 articles in the nation's leading law reviews and legal journals on topics including the right of privacy, copyright litigation, and contract doctrine, as well as litigation strategy and tactics. He was appointed as a member of the Illinois ARDC Hearing Board, and is also a member of the Advisory Board for the Fair Contracts Project, an initiative focused on counteracting the implications of fine print in standard form consumer contracts.

Mr. Siprut is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law, where he served as the Managing Editor of the Northwestern Law Review and was selected to represent Northwestern in national competition as a member of its National Moot Court team. He was also awarded the Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship, a national fellowship competition for law and graduate study.

Prior to founding Siprut PC, Mr. Siprut spent his career practicing at some of the top corporate litigation firms in the country. Mr. Siprut has been recognized by the Law in Public Service Committee of the ABA for his dedication to pro bono work. He is admitted to practice in Illinois, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (including its Trial Bar), the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. For over five years, Mr. Siprut served as an arbitrator in the Cook County Arbitration Program.

Publications and Presentations

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NCAA Concussion Litigation [Presentation]

Chicago Bar Association symposium, Concussion Litigation, June 13, 2012

Are Ideas As Free As The Air [Presentation]

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The Manufacturer-Sales Representative Relationship: Why Transparency and Clarity Make Good Business Sense for Everyone

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