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Small Firm. Big Talent. Huge Wins.

Foley Bezek Behle & Curtis, LLP

A \$64 million settlement against Verizon on behalf of a class of 2.2 million customers who were systematically overbilled for years. A \$38.9 million jury verdict against East West Bank on behalf of a family of Cambodian refugees. A settlement worth \$1 billion dollars against an oil company that was attempting to usurp a farmer's mineral rights.

Foley Bezek Behle & Curtis, LLP is a small law firm that wins big cases against some of the largest corporations in America. "Our clients include those who have been victimized by large companies," says Managing Partner Peter J. Bezek. "Over time, we have learned how those companies have become exceptionally creative in trying to take what is not theirs."

"We may be small, but we have the talents of a big litigation firm in New York or LA," adds Robert Curtis, partner. "And we don't hesitate to take a case to trial if that's what's needed to get the client the results they're looking for."

- *Class actions*
- *Lender liability*
- *Commercial litigation*
- *Intellectual property law*
- *Entertainment law*

Careful Strategy Fosters Unique Culture

One of the firm's secrets to success, Bezek says, is the carefully planned strategic blueprint it creates for every case.

Bezek and Co-founding Partner Thomas G. Foley Jr. have been practicing



Standing, from left: Justin P. Karczag, Roger N. Behle Jr., Robert A. Curtis. Seated: Peter J. Bezek, Thomas G. Foley Jr.

together for 33 years, and Curtis joined the firm 17 years ago. Partners Roger N. Behle Jr. and Justin P. Karczag have been with the firm for more than 10 years. "We use our collective experiences to develop and tailor creative legal strategies to successfully take on well-heeled and clever companies," Bezek says. "That creates a unique culture for success."

Critical is the firm's somewhat unusual approach to designing a legal strategy. "We've all learned the best way to represent our clients is to first understand what their needs are, where they want to wind up," Bezek says. "Then we reason backward to the beginning of the case and design a legal strategy to get that client where they want to go."

Curtis also credits the firm's team approach to litigation. "When you hire us, you're not just hiring one lawyer. Clients

benefit from the collective experience and perspectives of an entire team of lawyers, from the junior lawyers to the managing partner, all round-tableing over the issues."

'Economically Creative' Solutions

According to Curtis, the firm's willingness to work out "economically creative" solutions has been a significant advantage for many clients who "are being squashed by a bigger business or a competitor" in a complex business dispute and who "might not have the finances to hire a law firm."

Whether a case involves complex business litigation, a class or mass action, Ponzi litigation, wage and hour, lender liability, intellectual property litigation or entertainment litigation, "no two cases are alike," Bezek says. "Like snowflakes, they're all different. And you've got to make the case fit the snowflake."

In some cases that unique legal fit requires a tailored fee arrangement to ensure that the client can make it to the courthouse. "Litigation is expensive, and that is a fact that the big companies rely on to win the war by attrition," Curtis says. "We want our client to have the opportunity to tell the jury what happened."



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