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**Jere Beasley**, the senior member of the firm Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C., has practiced law as an advocate for victims of wrongdoing since 1962. In this interview, Jere discusses the rules governing preemption, an important series of rules that govern conflicts between state law and federal law. During his career, Jere has also tried hundreds of cases. Jere's numerous courtroom victories include landmark cases that have made a positive impact upon our society. One such case prompted a major automobile manufacturer to recall its unsafe vehicles, while another made a major tractor manufacturer put rollover protection on all of its tractors. Still another prompted a major insurance company to seek out thousands of its policyholders who had been wronged in an effort to correct their policies. The driving force behind Jere's success has been his

intense commitment to his clients. Jere is, without a doubt, one of the leading trial lawyers in the entire country and a leading advocate for those who have been wronged. He has appeared as a lecturer throughout the country at numerous legal seminars and other events. Jere has been profiled in Time Magazine, Business Week, and many other noted publications. He was co-lead counsel in the record \$11.9 billion punitive damages award against ExxonMobil Corp. on behalf of the state of Alabama. The claims by the State of Alabama were based on breach of contract and fraud. Beginning in 1993, Exxon had cheated the State by intentionally underpaying royalties on natural gas from the Mobile Bay field. The future anticipated gain to Exxon, as a direct result of their fraudulent conduct, would have been almost one billion dollars.

Jere's areas of practice include litigation in Products Liability, Insurance Fraud, Business, Nursing Home, Personal Injury. In addition to his trial practice, Jere is actively involved in many civic endeavors, such as the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Lions Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Jere currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce and the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. In 2006, Jere was named "Citizen of the Year" by the March of Dimes. He is also an active member of the Trial Lawyers for Public

Justice.

**Michael A. Haggard** is an acclaimed attorney who distinguished himself in 25 trials working as an Assistant Public Defender before turning to personal injury law. At The Haggard Law Firm, he handles a broad array of cases, concentrating on pool drowning accidents, negligent security, wrongful death, unsafe premises, products liability, and insurance coverage matters. In this interview, he discusses his third \$100 million verdict in November 2007 in a negligent security case, *Barrak v. Report Investments Corp. Inc.*, considered to be the largest jury verdict award in history for that genre of case law. In addition to the Barrak case, Michael obtained the first verdict in the nation dealing with the issue of cell phone distraction when he and his father, Wm. Andrew Haggard, won a \$21 million verdict for Alicia Bustos in December of 2001.

Michael has received numerous awards for his time and dedication devoted to his clients and the community, earning him recognition as one of the most highly regarded personal injury attorneys in the country. Michael is also passionately committed to helping the community. He volunteers for the Community Partnership for the Homeless and helps to build homes with Habitat for Humanity. He is additionally a member of the Guardian

Ad Litem Program. Michael earned his bachelors degree from Florida State University and his law degree from the University of Miami.

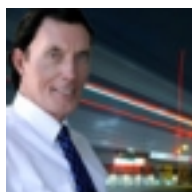
**Jack Girardi**, Partner at **Girardi & Keese**, one of America's Finest Law Firms, and lawyers, as always, brings out the most important key elements to the success of today's guests. He and his firm have been dedicated to working hard and getting the best possible recovery for its clients.

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