

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MICHAEL J. CERVINSKY and	:
LORRAINE C. CERVINSKY,	:
Administrators for the ESTATE OF	:
RYAN J. CERVINSKY, and in their	: No. 03-01,731
Individual capacity	:
Plaintiffs	:
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vs.	: CIVIL ACTION – LAW
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BRIAN S. HOBENSACK, KIMBERLY	:
GETZ, GENERAL MOTORS	:
CORPORATION, THE PEP BOYS-	:
MANNY MOE & JACK,	: Defendant General Motors’
RALLY MANUFACTURING, INC.	: Motion in limine to preclude
Defendants	: Plaintiff’s expert testimony

ORDER

AND NOW, this 10 day of April 2007, the Court DENIES Defendant’s Motion in limine to preclude Plaintiff’s expert, Byron Bloch, from testifying. An expert can gain his expertise not only through college degrees, but also from other training and experience. Miller v. Brass Rail Tavern, 541 Pa. 474, 480-481, 664 A2d 525, 528 (I 995). According to the document entitled “Background of Byron Bloch,” Mr. Bloch received a Bachelor of Arts from UCLA’s College of Applied Arts, with an emphasis in industrial design, including human factors engineering. Prior to obtaining this degree, Mr. Bloch attended Northwestern University from 1955-1957 and the University of Kansas from 1957-1958, majoring in science engineering and industrial design, respectively. Mr. Bloch also completed graduate course work at UCLA, which included human factors engineering. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, the Industrial Designers Society of America, the American Society of Safety Engineers and the Washington Automotive Press Association.

He has delivered presentations at workshops and meetings of the United States Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and testified before several different courts. Clearly, Mr. Bloch is qualified to give expert testimony under Pennsylvania's liberal standard.

By The Court,

Kenneth D. Brown, P.J.

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