

Chicago Law: A Trial Lawyer's Journey

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Joseph A Garofalo : Chicago Law: A Trial Lawyer's Journey before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Chicago Law: A Trial Lawyer's Journey:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Do not miss taking this journey with Joseph Garofalo!By A. BurgessIf I could I would give it more than five stars! I highly recommend this book. It is like a biography, but different. I finished the book feeling I had been on a beautiful journey with some very special people. Mr Garofalo introduces us to different family members, work associates, friends who he encounters during his life and finally his

wife, and each comes alive for us and is very special. He is a remarkable man, who builds people up. One can hear how special he was to those he worked with, played golf with and socialized with, because he made them feel special. This is a book not to be missed! It not only is informative and entertains, you come away feeling you have had a special encounter with a special man.² of 2 people found the following review helpful. A must read for anyone interested in (or struggling with) workers compensation law

By Larson on CompI was attending a workers compensation seminar when I saw the person next to me reading this book. I asked my fellow seminar attendee, "what could be more interesting than listening to the esteemed David Menchetti and the incendiary Derek Storm argue about the application of the AMA Impairment Guidelines in assessing disability?" He responded by handing me this book and turning my attention to a chapter regarding the Industrial Commission (now known as the Workers Compensation Commission). From that point on, I could not put the book down and then proceeded to buy it on Kindle - right after leaving this seminar with more questions than answers regarding the AMA Impairment Guidelines (but that is for another review). This book is a must read for anyone involved or interested in the field of workers compensation, especially in Chicago. Joe's life goes from rags to riches as we follow him on his life journey and meet many of the colorful characters that inhabit the world of workers compensation in Illinois. This book shows why Joe has been a role model and mentor for many attorneys, as it presents many life lessons on how to deal with law, love and life in general. Joe also shows us some of his secrets in getting and keeping clients, friends and loved ones. Now if Joe could just explain the AMA Impairment Rating system...² of 2 people found the following review helpful. An Advocate for your own well-being.

By David KosinI have mentioned to Joe that this book should be required reading for all students in law school. Really, it should be a staple for everyone traveling life's paths. Joe shares a self-discovery of who he is and, through that, an acknowledgement that we are all the sum of many people, places and events that shape our lives. He doesn't use these revelations as an explanation of who is. Rather, he uses these lessons as a starting point for making himself what he wants to be. As much as he is an advocate for his clients, the book makes a compelling argument that one must advocate for balance in his/her own life. The stories Joe shares range from funny to uncomfortable, but weave into his understanding of who he is and how that understanding has lead to greater appreciation and happiness in his life. Now onto "Tales From Healdsburg: A Tale of Self-Awakening".

Rarely do we live the life we originally intended. We make up our minds and charge down the path weve chosen, only to find ourselves arriving at an unexpected destination. We dont know how it happens, but after enough time has passed, were able to look back and assemble the puzzle pieces to make sense of it all. This is the business of Joseph A. Garofalos autobiography, except his lifes puzzle pieces are not made up only of choices and events. They also predominately take the form of people. His story introduces the many relationships that make up who he is todaythose who influenced him, the woman he married, the friends he made, his coworkers and bosses, his clients, and eventually, the partners he selected for his law firm. His story that begins in a working-class Chicago neighborhood and ends with cofounding his own firm, as well as owning a California vineyard, is an inspirational journey of self-discovery that will draw out readers introspection and appreciation. Because it is more than a story. It is a series of life lessons that can only be expressed in this way by one whos learned them himself.

From Kirkus sKIRKUS REVIEWS "Workers' compensation lawyer Garofalo recounts his life and law practice in Chicago. Born on the North Side of Chicago in 1952, Garofalo grew up in a small, one-bathroom house. His grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins all lived on the same small lot in the house in back. After Garofalo's draft number didn't come up during the Vietnam War, he finished school, married his childhood sweetheart, and graduated in 1977 from DePaul University School of Law. Afterward, Garofalo survived a brief stint in real estate law until discovering during a foreclosure that he possessed what few in his profession seem to have: a heart and a soul. He quit his job and found a position as an associate at the Chicago law firm of Gifford, Detuno and Gifford, Ltd., where he represented employers in workers' compensation cases. It was a life changing association in which he found a common bond among the members of a local bar association dominated by Italian-Americans and a field in which he excelled. Recalling his early life, Garofalo remembers his parents' divorce two years after their marriage and how his grandfather became his surrogate father. ... Garofalo uncovered his Italian roots, explored winemaking, traveled to Italy, and purchased a vineyard in California. However, after achieving wealth and success, Garofalo concludes that "we are all connected" and ultimate joy is derived from caring for one another. Garofalo's memoir is filled with personal stories and lessons learned from the dozens of individuals who influenced him as a lawyer and husband. The text is reflective, if intensely personal, supplemented by dozens of black-and-white photographs straight from the family photo album. In particular, stories of his near-death experiences are memorable... in a[n]... account of a good, ordinary life. Mild lessons and anecdotes from a Chicago man who lifted himself from the middle class." CHICAGO LAW: A TRIAL LAWYERS JOURNEY JOSEPH A. GAROFALO Create Space 978-1-50060505-6 Foreword Clarion Four stars (out of Five) New lawyers trying to envision their career path, and those seeking to define their life's purpose, will find wisdom here. It is an increasingly common practice to delve into our genealogical history in order to establish the connection between where we came from and who we became. In Chicago Law: A Trial

Lawyer's Journey, a thoroughly detailed autobiography, Joe Garofalo, or "Joey Flowers" to those who know him well, tells his life story by intertwining his work experiences with the most influential people he has known in both his family and his law practice. ... Chicago Law is peppered with anecdotes that have informed Garofalo's approach to life and molded his philosophy. In many ways he is an everyman --- struggling to find happiness and purpose in his work and meaning in his life, overcoming hurdles with a mixture of humor and perseverance. He details career and family milestones, teachable moments, and travel adventures in equal measure. The central theme of the collection is gratitude; Garofalo's indebtedness to his family, friends, mentors and colleagues, and to the lifestyle his work has afforded him, is heavily emphasized and very endearing. Many may pause to consider the impact those who have touched our lives have had on our paths. ... The book's format, which intersperses work tales and advice with family history, is unconventional. In some ways it feels like this volume could have been two books: one, a collection of wisdom and advice from a seasoned lawyer to those who may see him as a mentor; and the other a family history, a series of family portraits constructed through narrative essays about each branch of the family tree. There are indeed touching moments throughout the story; Garofalo's frank relationship with his old boss "T.K.," especially as they help each other work through grief, is particularly poignant, as are his detailing of his most meaningful courtroom victory in the chapter "Defending Abraham" and his grief upon the loss of many important people along the way. ... New lawyers trying to envision their career path, however, and those seeking to define their life's purpose in general, will find a lot of wisdom here.

About the Author Joseph A. Garofalo is a graduate of North Park College and DePaul University School of Law and a member of the American, Illinois State, and Chicago Bar Associations. He was admitted to practice law before the US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, including the Federal Trial Bar, and the US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit. After working as an associate for seven years, he left to cofound his own firm, which is now called Garofalo, Schreiber Storm, Chartered. Garofalo's career focus is workers compensation and employers liability, and he has extensive litigation experience before the Illinois Workers Compensation Commission, the Circuit Court, the Appellate Court, and the Illinois Supreme Court. Additionally, he lectured on the topic before the Chicago Bar Association and a variety of business groups and insurance professionals. Garofalo and his wife reside primarily in Park Ridge, Illinois, and part-time at Garofalo Family Vineyards in Healdsburg, California.