

William Marler is the managing partner of Marler Clark L.L.P., P.S.

He is an accomplished personal injury and products liability attorney. He began litigating foodborne illness cases in 1993, when he represented Brianne Kiner, the most seriously injured survivor of the Jack in the Box E. coli O157:H7 outbreak, in her \$15.6 million settlement. Since that time, Mr. Marler and his law partners at Marler Clark have represented thousands of individuals in claims against food companies whose contaminated products have caused serious injury and death.

Mr. Marler has focused his practice on representing individuals, mostly children, in litigation resulting from E. coli, Salmonella, Shigella, hepatitis A, and other food-contamination cases, and has represented victims of nearly every large foodborne illness outbreak across the country. He has represented individuals against BJ's Wholesale Club, Chili's, Chi-Chi's, ConAgra, Dole, Excel, Golden Corral, KFC, Sheetz, Sizzler, Supervalu, and Wendy's, as well as other food companies and restaurants.

Mr. Marler has also represented children in litigation after they became ill from exposure to contaminated water and infected farm animals. He represented several children who suffered kidney failure after contracting E. coli at a water park in Georgia, and has represented dozens of individuals who have become ill with E. coli after being exposed at fairs across the country. Marler Clark is currently involved in litigation resulting from a Cryptosporidium outbreak at a spray park in central New York.

Mr. Marler travels several days per month, speaking to food industry groups, fair associations, and public health groups about the litigation of claims resulting from outbreaks of pathogenic bacteria and viruses and the issues surrounding it.

Mr. Marler co-authored the article, "[How to document a food poisoning case](#)" with David Babcock for the November 2004 issue of Trial Magazine, and presented his paper, "[Separating the Chaff from the Wheat: How to determine the strength of a foodborne illness claim](#)," at the 2005 Defense Research Institute meeting on food liability. The February, 2005 Food Safety In-Sight newsletter by Environ Health Associates, Inc. featured Bill's article, "[Food Claims and Litigation](#)." He also wrote, "[How to Keep Your Focus on Food Safety](#)," an article that appeared in the June-July 2005 issue of Food Safety Magazine. His most recent article, "[Food Safety and the CEO: Keys to Bottom Line Success](#)" appeared in the October-November 2007 issue of Food Safety Magazine.

Mr. Marler was profiled in the 2006 Wall Street Journal article, "[How a Tiny Law Firm Made Hay Out of Tainted Spinach](#)," the November 2007 Southeastern Texas Record article, "[Legally Speaking: The Food Poisoning Lawyer](#)," and the February 2007 Associated Press article, "[E. coli lawyer in Seattle makes good money from bad food](#)."

He is married to Julie Marler and has three daughters, Morgan, Olivia and Sydney. He is a board member of the Washington State Trial Lawyers, a member of the board of directors of Bainbridge Youth Services, and a member of the Children's Hospital Circle of Care.