

Arkansas Trial Lawyers & their Passions: Eric Wewers of Little Rock



When

Eric Wewers

isn't in the courtroom he can often be found on the ball field. Actively involved in Junior Deputy, a non-profit ball park in Little Rock, Eric is not only a seven year coaching veteran and current coach of two teams (the Yankees and the Cubs), but he also

serves on the board and is currently the board president. He can easily spend 30 hours a week on park operations and fundraising in addition to the time spent with his players aged 7 to 12.

Does he feel the time spent at the ball park takes away from his law practice? Eric will concede that his involvement with baseball and Junior Deputy has grown more than he could have imagined. He began as a way to spend quality time with his sons, Logan, 12, and Luke, 7 a couple of hours a week. He never dreamed how involved he would eventually become in the organization. After all, Eric's sports experience had primarily been in football as both a player and a coach. But what started as a parental duty quickly became a passion.

Eric finds that his time on the field actually helps prepare him for the courtroom. The same life lessons that help his team score and win games are the same life lessons that helps him prevail in the courtroom. Eric points out that in the courtroom you have to be alert, quick on your feet and read people and the situation, just like the ball field where you merely exchange an opposing team for an insurance company and parents for a jury. In the courtroom when a judgment is made, only the rule must be argued and never the judgment. It's the same in baseball. When the umpire gives a bad call, you only argue the rule of the game not what the ump did or didn't see.

What started out as just an opportunity to be with the kids; turned out to be a wonderful opportunity to

learn and share some of life's greatest lessons. Eric teaches his teams to persevere and never give up in the face of adversity, not *in spite of* but *especially* when you aren't winning. Working hard on yourself and learning to be a team player are two of life's lessons we all would do well to learn and follow.

And how does Eric handle the aggressive parents and the reputation that children's sports sometimes receive for being too competitive? At Junior Deputy, Eric doesn't apologize for teaching his girls and boys to be competitive. "They are receiving life lessons in a fun and safe environment," Eric smiles, "and last time I checked, *life* was a competition." 🏆



Coach Wewers on the Junior Deputy ball field