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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Asbestos & Mass Tort Litigation
Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation
Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation
Automobile Liability
Premises & Retail Liability
Product Liability

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ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
1978

EDUCATION

Hamline University School of Law
(J.D., 1977)

Villanova University (B.S., 1974)

HONORS & AWARDS

AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®

The Best Lawyers in America®,
Personal Injury Litigation –
Defendants; Philadelphia "Lawyer
of the Year" - Personal Injury
Litigation – Defendants, 2021
2009-2024

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers
2006, 2009-2023

OVERVIEW

Dan serves as the chair of the Environmental & Toxic Tort Practice Group in the Philadelphia office of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin. In this capacity he is responsible for the oversight of a group of attorneys who focus on toxic tort litigation. He also supervises the representation of many defendants in asbestos litigation throughout Pennsylvania. Dan also concentrates a portion of his practice to defending insurers in bad faith litigation.

In addition to close to 30 years of trial experience in toxic tort litigation on behalf of asbestos manufacturers, Dan has also developed an extensive involvement in lead paint litigation on behalf of building owners and has also tried auto, premises, exercise equipment and various other product liability claims, representing manufacturers and insurers. As an alternative to litigating matters, Dan has extensive participation in various types of mediation and alternative dispute resolution.

Adding to his law practice, Dan has given lectures and seminars concerning the defense in mass tort litigation with particular emphasis on alternative, cost effective ways for processing large volumes of cases. He has also lectured on the defense of bad faith cases for the Insurance Society of Philadelphia's Continuing Legal Education program as well as to the staffs of insurers.

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Board of Trial Advocates, Philadelphia Chapter

Defense Research Institute

Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel

Hearing Committee Member, Serving the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, July 2005

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Philadelphia Bar Association

YEAR JOINED

1977

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

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May 17, 2024

Twenty-eight attorneys across Marshall Dennehey's six Pennsylvania offices have been selected to the 2024 edition of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers magazine.

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August 20, 2020

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CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Handling UM/UIM Cases in Pennsylvania, Marshall Dennehey Client Webinar, May, 2021

Annual presentations to various clients groups regarding the status of asbestos litigation in Pennsylvania involving strategies for defending various types of products such as brakes, tile, caulk, joint compound, boilers, wire, pumps and packing.

Presented several in-house presentations to various insurers as to how to avoid bad faith litigation in Pennsylvania while handling first party claims.

PUBLISHED WORKS

"What's New In 2017? Filing Trends and Developments In Asbestos Litigation," *Mealey's Litigation Reports*, August 16, 2017

"Sunlight is the Best Disinfectant; Solutions to the Concealment of Asbestos Trust Filings in Tort Litigation," *For the Defense*, April 2016

"Uncloaking Bankruptcy Trust Filings In Asbestos Litigation: Refuting the Myths About Transparency," *Mealey's Asbestos Bankruptcy Report* and *Mealey's Litigation Report Asbestos*, April 2016

"Uncloaking Bankruptcy Trust Filings In Asbestos Litigation: A Survey Of Solutions To The Types Of Conduct Exposed In Garlock's Bankruptcy," *Mealey's Asbestos Bankruptcy Report*, August 28, 2015

"Is Mold The Next Gold For The Plaintiffs' Bar?," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 8, No. 1, March 2002

"'Market-Share' Liability Is Rejected In Lead Paint Case in Pennsylvania," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 2, No. 1, January 1996

"Applying Lessons Learned From the Asbestos Litigation to the Next Mass Tort (Repetitive Stress)," *Defense Digest*, January 1995

"Pennsylvania Superior Court Finally Clarifies What is Bad Faith Conduct Under Section 8371," *Defense Digest*, Winter 1994

RESULTS

Asbestos Litigation Case Bites the Dust

Asbestos & Mass Tort Litigation

April 21, 2016

Obtained summary judgment in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in a premises liability case against our client, a manufacturer of forged steel wheels used in the railroad industry. The plaintiff alleged she was exposed to asbestos dust allegedly brought home on the work clothes of her husband, who worked at a local steel plant for two years in the 1970s. In 2013, the plaintiff developed mesothelioma. She and her husband filed suit against our client, a limited liability company. The company was formed 30 years after the husband worked at the steel plant.

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Received a defense verdict in an asbestos product liability suit by a mesothelioma victim for a wire manufacturer in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in a two-and-a-half-week trial.

Succeeded in precluding plaintiff's toxicologist following a Frye hearing in a chemical sensitivity case which resulted in a non suit victory for a builder.

Tried and won one of the original first party bad faith cases in Pennsylvania, which is one of the most often cited decisions in the field of first party bad faith litigation. *Terletsky v. Prudential*, 649 A2d 680 [Pa Super 1994]

Received a defense verdict in a first party bad faith case tried in Philadelphia following the preclusion of plaintiff's bad faith expert, which was upheld on appeal. *Bergman v. USAA*, 742 A2d 1101 [Pa Super 1999]

Received a defense verdict in a bad faith trial in the federal court from a jury wherein the demand was \$1 million against the top plaintiff bad faith litigator in Pennsylvania, which was upheld on appeal to the Third Circuit. *Dinner v. USAA*, no. 01-1299, February 2002.

Successfully defended numerous asbestos manufacturers and suppliers and received several low verdicts as well as many very reasonable settlements during trial.

Has tried many UM/UIM Arbitration cases.

Successfully engineered many victories for clients in asbestos litigation through summary judgment where many of these decisions have been upheld on appeal.

Handled a class action involving claims of bad faith regarding a coverage position taken by an insurer, which was dismissed after discovery was completed.