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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Workers' Compensation

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### ADMISSIONS

New Jersey  
2016

Pennsylvania  
2016

### EDUCATION

Widener University School of Law  
(J.D., 2015)

Pennsylvania State University  
(B.A., 2011)

### OVERVIEW

As a member of the Workers' Compensation Department, Michael focuses his practice on defending clients in workers' compensation matters.

In 2011, Michael earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from The Pennsylvania State University. In the fall of 2012, Michael entered the evening division program at Widener University Delaware Law School. He received his *juris doctor* in December 2015. While attending evening classes, Michael worked at a plaintiff's personal injury firm. During his time in law school, Michael was a member of both the Law Review and Moot Court. He served as a research editor on Law Review and twice won second place in the Distinguished Jurist Moot Court Competition. Michael also served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Justice Fitzgerald of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

Michael is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He is a member of the Brehon Law Society, Pennsylvania Self-Insurers' Association, Philadelphia Bar Association and New Jersey State Bar Association.

### HONORS & AWARDS

Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising  
Star  
2022-2023

### ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

New Jersey State Bar Association

Pennsylvania Self-Insurers'  
Association

Philadelphia Bar Association

Philadelphia Brehon Society

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## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### Marshall Dennehey Announces 2022 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

May 23, 2022

Thirty-four attorneys across Marshall Dennehey's six Pennsylvania offices have been selected to the 2022 edition of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers magazine.

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### Bullying in the Workplace

King of Prussia

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December 14, 2021

### Is There a Doctor In the House?

King of Prussia

Workers' Compensation

November 1, 2020

### Exercising Reasonable Diligence: Commonwealth Court Provides Guidance to 120-Day Rule

Philadelphia - Headquarters

Workers' Compensation

December 10, 2018

Key Points: Defense Digest, Vol. 24, No. 4, December 2018. Defense Digest is prepared by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin to provide information on recent legal developments of interest to our readers.

### Ingress and Egress: Appellate Division Finds Employer Had Control Over Parking Lot

Mount Laurel

Workers' Compensation

March 1, 2017

by Michael R. Duffy, Esquire Key Points: Defense Digest, Vol. 23, No. 1, March 2017. Defense Digest is prepared by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin to provide information on recent legal developments of interest to our readers.

### CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

*Unique Workers' Compensation Aspects of Independent Contractors and Traveling Employees*, Lorman Education Services webinar, December 16, 2021

*Workers' Compensation 101*, client seminar, August 19, 2020

### PUBLISHED WORKS

"Bullying in the Workplace," CLM Magazine, December 2021

"Is There a Doctor in the House? Telemedicine Has Its Benefits, But Not for Contested Workers' Compensation Claims," CLM Magazine, November 2020

"Exercising Reasonable Diligence: Commonwealth Court Provides Guidance to 120-Day Rule," *Defense Digest*, December 2018, Vol. 24, No. 4

"Ingress and Egress: Appellate Division Finds Employer Had Control Over Parking Lot," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 23, No. 1, March 2017

## RESULTS

### Successful defense of reinstatement petition.

#### **Workers' Compensation**

**November 10, 2022**

The petition was filed by the claimant before an administrative judge. The claimant alleged he was entitled to reinstatement of indemnity benefits after he voluntarily stopped working due to hand pain. We argued the light-duty position available and offered to the claimant was a one-handed position, and presented employer fact witness testimony and video of the light-duty job in rebuttal.

### Workers' Compensation Judge's decision reversed on appeal.

#### **Workers' Compensation**

**November 23, 2020**

We won a case on appeal, reversing the judge's decision. Our insurance carrier client issued a Notice of Temporary Compensation Payable (NTCP), agreeing to pay both indemnity and medical benefits for a lumbar strain allegedly sustained by the claimant. The 90-day period began on April 22, 2018, and ended July 20, 2018. On June 21, 2018, the claimant filed a claim petition for workers' compensation benefits, alleging a low back injury.

## **SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

Received a favorable decision in a case involving Claim and Penalty petitions. The claimant alleged cervical injuries requiring surgery. Our medical expert agreed that surgery was required but did not agree to a work injury based on the records obtained following the claimant's deposition. Though the claimant testified to never having prior injuries or treatment for his neck prior to the injuries, Mike was able to obtain medical records showing treatment for the same complaints two weeks prior to the work injury. The judge denied the Claim and Penalty petitions.