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Elias focuses his practice exclusively on workers' compensation litigation. He represents employers and insurance carriers, defending them against all manner of workers' compensation claims. Elias is experienced in all aspects of claims handling, from initial investigation and testimony of fact and medical expert witnesses, to brief writing and litigating before the courts.

Elias has secured positive results for his clients and received favorable decisions from Workers' Compensation Judges, the Appellate Board and the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. He is also experienced in handling Heart and Lung Act arbitrations. By placing a high priority on communication, Elias partners with his clients to develop tailored risk management and defense strategies that best meet their needs.

Elias received a B.A. in English & Political Science from Bucknell University and his J.D. from Widener University.

Education

- Widener University Delaware Law School (J.D., 2006)
- Bucknell University (B.A., 2003)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2006

Associations & Memberships

- Defense Research Institute
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Section Assistant Secretary

Practices

- Workers' Compensation Defense

Classes/Seminars Taught

- *Proper Identification of Pain Generators in Work Injuries/Personal Injuries and Novel Treatment Options*, Philadelphia Bar Association's 2023 Bench-Bar & Annual Conference, September 23, 2023, Atlantic City, NJ

Published Works

- "Pa. High Court Doubles Down on the Workers' Comp Act's Exclusivity Provision," *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*, August 4, 2023
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Results

Claimant's Yellow Freight motion denied.

We successfully defended a late answer against a claimant's Yellow Freight motion by convincing the judge that the claimant's claim petition was not well-pled and did not meet the claimant's burden of proof with respect to disability. The claim petition alleged that the claimant did not return to work for the employer and sought payment of ongoing disability. In defense of the motion, we submitted evidence showing that the claimant returned to work for the employer within days of the alleged work injury, arguing that the claimant was not disabled as alleged. Accordingly, the judge was convinced that, although the employer's answer was late, the claim petition was not well-pled and the Yellow Freight motion was denied.

Thought Leadership

December 1, 2025

The \$30,000 Oops! An Insurer's Costly Overpayment

August 3, 2023

Pa. High Court Doubles Down on the Workers' Comp Act's Exclusivity Provision