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Greg is the managing attorney for the Workers' Compensation Department in the firm's Roseland office. He practices exclusively in the area of workers' compensation defense, representing utility companies, adult care facilities, home improvement retailers, manufacturers and transportation companies.

Greg's clients turn to him for guidance on issues related to workers' compensation in New Jersey, from questions regarding compensability to determining how to best proceed on a given matter. He is known as a reliable, informed advocate, who works closely with his clients to achieve their desired outcomes. Drawing from his knowledge of not only workers' compensation law, but also the judges presiding over cases in his jurisdictions, Greg provides cogent case handling advice and stays abreast of any developments that may occur throughout the life of a claim.

Greg graduated from Eastern New Mexico University with a bachelor's degree in political science. He went to work for the IRS prior to enrolling in law school at Creighton University.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Greg was a solo practitioner and also worked for a small New Jersey firm where he had a varied practice. Greg was appointed municipal public defender by the town of Kearny from 1997 through November 2001. He is also a past president of the West Hudson County Bar Association.

## Education

- Creighton University School of Law (J.D., 1990)
- Eastern New Mexico University (B.S., 1985)

## Admissions

- New Jersey, 1990

## Practices

- Workers' Compensation Defense

## Associations & Memberships

- West Hudson Bar Association, Vice President, 1998-1999; President, 1999-2000

## Classes & Seminars Taught

- Presentation on permanent total disability, law practices and methods, and ethics covering rules of professional conduct, Mt. Arlington Workers' Compensation Court Law Day, April 2019
  - *New Jersey Workers' Compensation*, North Jersey Claims Association, Spring 2014
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## Results

### **Successful defense of high-stakes workers' compensation case.**

We successfully defended a workers' compensation case that was transferred from the insurance carrier's staff counsel after litigation and motion practice. After a settlement offer in excess of \$16 million was rejected, the case went to trial. At trial, we were able to prove that an uninsured subcontractor was hired by the general contractor, who was the actual employer of the injured worker. Under New Jersey Law, this means that the general contractor is responsible for the workers' compensation benefits for the petitioner. The case was dismissed with prejudice, and the general contractor was also ordered to reimburse the carrier approximately \$2.8 million that they had paid out, based upon a previous order to provide medical and temporary benefits to the petitioner.

### **NJ Workers' Comp Claim Petition Dismissed.**

We successfully defended a national home improvement store in the litigation of a claim petition. The petitioner alleged that as a result of his employment at the retailer, he developed back problems and was in need of medical treatment. The defense was able to call into question the petitioner's credibility, as well as that of the petitioner's expert doctor. The judge found that the petitioner did not sustain the burden of proof. Therefore, both the motion for medical and temporary benefits and the claim petition were dismissed, with prejudice.