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John practices in the firm's Casualty Department. He concentrates his practice in the area of general liability including premises liability, product liability, construction accident and defects, fire and explosions, amusements, sports and entertainment liability, liquor liability, auto, and trucking and transportation litigation. Additionally, John has experience in cases involving elevators, escalators, moving walkways, electronic doorways, cranes and lifts.

An active trial attorney since 1992, he has represented property owners and managers of large shopping malls, sports and entertainment centers, amusement parks, stadiums, arenas, office buildings, residential complexes, hotels, bars and restaurants.

John has represented project owners, contractors, trucking companies, bus companies, highway contractors and parking garage owners and operators along with product manufacturers, distributors and retailers including department stores. He has also represented many small business owners such as barber shops, auto repairs shops and sub-contractors.

John has practiced and tried cases in many of the state courts in western Pennsylvania and federal court. John received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh in 1987. In 1991, he received his *juris doctor* from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law (J.D., 1991)
- University of Pittsburgh (B.A., 1987)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1991

Practices

- Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability
- General Liability
- Product Liability
- Hospitality & Liquor Liability
- Trucking & Transportation Liability

- U.S. District Court Western District of Pennsylvania, 1991
- U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit

Honors & Awards

- AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2025-2026)
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers (2017-2019)

Associations & Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association

Representative Cases & Matters

Obtained summary judgment in a wrongful death/survival action arising from a fatal shooting, resulting in dismissal of all claims against their clients, the alleged shooter and his employer. The case stemmed from a remodeling dispute in which the decedent confronted one of the defendants, threatened him, and pointed a gun at him, after which the defendant shot the decedent in self-defense. The court granted summary judgment based on a *Lamp v. Heyman* argument, finding the plaintiff failed to timely and diligently serve the defendants before the statute of limitations expired. The court also granted summary judgment to Wesley and Sylvia Deaderick on corporate veil grounds and to Deaderick Enterprises, Inc., holding there was no basis for vicarious or direct liability because the shooting was outside the scope of employment and no negligent training or supervision was established.

Published Works

- “Pennsylvania’s Relaxed Standard for Proving Intoxication in Civil Cases,” *Defense Digest*, December 2018, Vol. 24, No. 4

Classes/ Seminar Taught

- *Defending Roller Skating Claims*, Roller Skating Association (RSA) Chapter Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 24, ,2022