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For almost three decades, Dave has also focused on other areas of the law, including dram shop liability, product liability, slip and fall, rideshare liability, motor vehicle accidents, trucking litigation, asbestos litigation, UIM/bad faith and construction law. In addition to representing automobile clients, he also represents rideshare companies in matters involving rideshare liability, insurance coverage issues, driver status, and negligence claims.

Dave previously represented a major Japanese automobile manufacturer, for more than ten years. During that time, the company appointed him National Discovery Counsel, where he facilitated a National Global Discovery Program for breach of warranty litigation across the country.

Dave received a Bachelor of Science degree in physical therapy at Temple University. After graduating from Memphis University's Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, Dave spent a year working on the Fen-Phen litigation at Wyeth Ayerst Laboratories.

Education

- University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law (J.D., 1997)
- Temple University (B.S., 1987)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1998

Honors & Awards

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star (2007)

Associations & Memberships

Practices

- Rideshare
- Automobile Liability
- Product Liability
- First-Party Property
- Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation
- General Liability

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Compulsory Arbitration Committee
- Philadelphia County Bar Association
- Temple University, Alumni Association

Published Works

- "Is Everything But the 'Kitchen' Sink Required to Meet Limited Tort Threshold?," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 24, No. 1, March 2018
- "No Limitation on Statute of Limitations for Pennsylvania Lemon Law & Breach of Warranty Cases," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 14, No. 3, September 2008
- "Plaintiff's Counsel's Closing Argument Analogy To A 'Drunk' Driving A Truck, Not Prejudicial To 'Funk'," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 13, No. 2, June 2007
- "Facilitating Use of Recreational Land in Pennsylvania," *Pennsylvania Bar Quarterly*, Vol. LXXI, No. 3, July 2000
- "Pennsylvania's 'Multi-Factor' Approach in Determining Immunity Under the Recreational use of Land and Water Act," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 6, No. 2, June 2000

Significant Representative Matters

- Defense verdict in "Lemon Law" case. Represented automobile manufacturer in case involving alleged Pennsylvania Lemon Law violation; breach of manufacturer's written warranty under Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act; and a violation of Pennsylvania's Unfair Trade Practices Act. Plaintiff requested that his vehicle be repurchased under the Lemon Law and that he be reimbursed the full purchase price, including all collateral charges, plus attorney fees. Court found no violation of Lemon Law and determined that no terms of any warranty were breached.
- Represented trucking company in case whereby plaintiffs, both on-duty Philadelphia police officers, were injured in an accident involving client's tractor-trailer overturning and sliding over the roof of the police vehicle in which plaintiffs were seated. Plaintiffs claimed driver of the tractor-trailer was liable for their injuries due to negligent driving. Plaintiffs' demands were \$500,000 and \$450,000. The jury awarded one officer \$18,000 and the other officer \$41,800. The consortium claim for one of the officer's wife was denied. The jury concluded the injuries were not as severe as their experts opined, nor did they affect their personal and professional lives, as alleged.
- Defense verdict in breach of warranty case. Represented automobile manufacturer in case involving alleged breach of manufacturer's written warranty under Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act and a violation of Pennsylvania's Unfair Trade Practices Act. Plaintiff requested that she be awarded the diminution of value of her vehicle that was calculated by her expert. Client's expert testified that no breach occurred and there was no diminution of value as calculated by plaintiff's expert.