

# John Paul Abda

## Associate

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John represents insurance carriers, employers, and third-party administrators in all aspects of workers' compensation claims. He works with clients to deliver efficient and effective dispute resolution through focused and results-driven litigation. John is experienced in handling pleadings, discovery, depositions, dispositive motions, courtroom advocacy, mediation, arbitration and settlement negotiations.

John earned his undergraduate degree from West Virginia University, where he double-majored in Psychology and Philosophy and minored in Law and Legal Studies. He received his J.D. from the Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Duquesne University. During law school, John completed clerkships with the Honorable Thomas J. Munley of the Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas and with a prominent insurance defense law firm in Philadelphia. He also advocated in federal district court as a certified student-attorney through the law school's Federal Litigation Clinic and served as an editor for the school's Jurist legal publication.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, John operated his own practice where he represented individuals and businesses in both commercial and insurance-related civil disputes. His work centered on litigation, taking cases from intake through resolution and engaging in all aspects of the process.

## Education

- Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University (J.D., 2020)
- West Virginia University (B.A., 2016)

## Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2021
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania, 2022

## Practices

- Workers' Compensation Defense

## Associations & Memberships

- Lackawanna County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

## Published Works

- "PTSI and First Responders: Act 121—A New Era in Pa. Workers' Compensation,"  
*The Legal Intelligencer*, November 10, 2025

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## Thought Leadership

March 1, 2026

**Statutory Employer Immunity Lives On: Pennsylvania Supreme Court Reaffirms  
General Contractor Protection**

November 10, 2025

**PTSI and First Responders: Act 121—A New Era in Pa. Workers' Compensation**