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Richard is a member of the Casualty Department with experience representing clients in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and federal courts. He has advised and defended a wide range of clients, including contractors, construction companies, hotels, insurance carriers, property owners, financial institutions, sureties, utilities, and private individuals. His practice spans contractual disputes, personal injury claims, construction defect matters, insurance coverage issues, and fraud claims.

Rich has successfully handled bench trials in the New Jersey Superior Court – Special Civil Part and the Pennsylvania Magisterial District Court. He brings practical courtroom knowledge and a strategic approach to every case, advocating effectively for clients in complex matters.

Before entering private practice, Richard served as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Hon. Mary C. Siracusa in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Civil Part. He earned his J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law, where he was a Staff Editor and later Online Managing Editor of the Temple Law Review. Richard is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Education

- Temple University Beasley School of Law (J.D., 2018)
- The Pennsylvania State University (B.A., 2015)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2018
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2019
- New Jersey, 2020

Practices

- Construction Injury Litigation
- Premises & Retail Liability
- Hospitality & Liquor Liability
- First-Party Property
- Fraud/Special Investigation
- General Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation
- Miscellaneous Professional Liability

Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2026-2027)

Associations & Memberships

- Pennsylvania Defense Institute, Board of Directors, 2026

Published Works

- "Philadelphia's Soda Tax: Why It Fails the Test of Uniformity", *Temple Law Review*, 90 Temple L. Rev. 97 (2017)