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Rob joined Marshall Dennehey as a member of the Casualty Department. He concentrates his practice in the areas of construction accident and construction defect litigation, premises liability, product liability, automobile and commercial motor carrier liability, and veterinary malpractice and licensure defense. Additionally, Rob has handled mold claims that were contained within larger construction-defect related claims.

Rob received his B.A. from Saint Joseph's University, where he was a member of the Dean's List, and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. Following graduation from college, he attended Widener University School of Law. While at Widener, Rob was actively involved in the Veteran's Law Clinic and worked in the Complex Litigation Center of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining the firm, Rob worked for a regional defense firm. Rob is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and U.S. Tax Court.

Education

- Widener University Delaware Law School (J.D., 2014)
- Saint Joseph's University (B.S., 2011)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2014
- New Jersey, 2015
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2018
- U.S. Tax Court

Associations & Memberships

Practices

- Construction Injury Litigation
- Product Liability
- Trucking & Transportation Liability
- Premises & Retail Liability
- Architectural, Engineering & Construction Defect Litigation
- Miscellaneous Professional Liability
- Veterinary Liability

- American Bar Association
 - Pennsylvania Bar Association
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Results

Successful Trial Result Achieved in a Philadelphia Premises Liability Matter

We received a successful trial result in a premises liability matter in Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. The plaintiff's expert projected future surgeries and extensive life-long medical care costs of \$1.25 million. Much of our defense centered on damages and demonstrating that the projected future medical care was not supported by the actual medical treatment provided. Additionally, video of the incident was used to demonstrate that the plaintiff had actual/constructive knowledge of spilled water in the premises but proceeded to walk in that area anyway. Forty percent comparative negligence was assigned to the plaintiff, and despite the plaintiff's introduction of the medical cost projection described above, only \$50,000 in future medical care was awarded by the jury. The total award, after a molded verdict, was \$118,800, which our client viewed as a victory in this venue.

Defense Verdict Secured in a Seven-Day Defamation Jury Trial

We won a defense verdict in a seven-day jury trial in the Philadelphia Common Pleas court. The case involved a defamation claim based on an article published in a local community newspaper. The defendants were the local Community Council and the two individuals who wrote and published the article. According to the plaintiff, the article named him and implied he wrote an anonymous letter that threatened legal action, which was seen as contrary to the community's interest. The demand had been \$1.75 million, and the plaintiff was offered \$50,000. After deliberating, the jury returned a verdict for the defendants.

Thought Leadership

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Shoddy Home-Improvement Contracting? Grounds for Recovering Treble Damages and Attorneys Fees under Pennsylvania Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act and Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law