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Robert (Bobby) is an associate in the Casualty Department, representing clients in areas of law including automobile liability, construction injury litigation, general liability, product liability, and property litigation. He defends manufacturers, businesses, insurance companies, and self-insured entities in a wide range of civil matters. His experience spans all aspects of the litigation process, from pre-trial filings through trial.

Prior to joining the firm, Bobby served as a law clerk to the Honorable J. Brian Johnson in the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas. During his tenure as a clerk, he assisted Judge Johnson in drafting opinions, orders, and legal memoranda pertaining to Civil and Family matters brought before the Court. Working under the Judge provided much insight into courtroom procedures and enhanced Bobby's legal research abilities.

While attending the University of Connecticut School of Law, Bobby served as a Notes & Comments Editor for the *Connecticut Law Review*, assisting fellow members in developing their legal scholarship. He was also a Teaching Assistant for a Legal Writing course and participated in both the Child Advocacy Clinic and the Animal Law Clinic. Bobby earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, in History from Fordham University.

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D., 2024)
- Fordham University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2021)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2024

Representative Cases & Matters

Practices

- Automobile Liability
- Construction Injury Litigation
- General Liability
- Product Liability
- First-Party Property

- Successfully concluded a three-day trial in a premises liability matter in Philadelphia County. The matter focused on slip-and-fall allegations in the lobby of the claimant's former residence. The claimant specifically alleged an accumulation of water in the lobby before the time of the fall and thereafter underwent surgery (surgical arthroscopy of the left ankle with extensive debridement). Allegations of negligence against our client consisted of failure to maintain the lobby in a safe and reasonable manner. The last demand before trial was \$240,000.00, while the last offer was \$15,000.00. After three (3) days, the jury awarded Plaintiff a mere \$45,000.00, almost all of which was to be paid toward expert retention and Plaintiff's medical lien (over \$26,000.00).
- Obtained a defense verdict following binding arbitration in a premises liability action arising from a plaintiff's fall in a residential parking lot following a snowstorm. The plaintiff alleged that the defendants negligently allowed snow and ice to accumulate near her vehicle and failed to properly remove snow from a designated handicapped parking space, asserting claims under both premises liability law and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Our client, a snow removal contractor, had an agreement expressly providing that snow removal services would not be performed in occupied parking spaces during or immediately following a snowstorm. After the other defendants settled with the plaintiff for more than \$700,000, the matter proceeded to binding arbitration against our client with an arbitration range of \$0 to \$140,000. Following submission of supplemental briefing addressing the inapplicability of the ADA and the lack of liability on the part of our client, the arbitrator entered a defense verdict in our favor.
- Secured a unanimous defense verdict in a Philadelphia County premises liability jury trial involving allegations of a defective sidewalk condition and a demand of \$875,000. Following a three-day trial before the Honorable Judge Hill, the jury found in favor of the defense, determining that the client was not liable for the plaintiff's alleged injuries.
- Obtained summary judgment and dismissal with prejudice on behalf of a homeowner in a Philadelphia premises liability action involving allegations that neighboring property renovations caused water intrusion and property damage. Successfully established the client's non-involvement in the alleged events, resulting in dismissal of all claims prior to trial.
- Obtained summary judgment in a premises liability slip and fall case after their initial Rule 1036 motion had been denied. The plaintiff alleged that a metal protrusion from our clients' property created a dangerous condition on a Philadelphia street. We first moved to dismiss on April 24, 2025, arguing that our clients had no affiliation with the property, but the court denied the motion as outside the scope of Pa.R.C.P. 1036. After efforts to secure a stipulation of dismissal were unsuccessful, we filed a second motion on December 10, 2025, asserting prejudice following the close of discovery. The Court ultimately granted the motion, resulting in summary judgment for our clients.