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Tiffany concentrates her practice on the litigation of personal injury matters involving alleged exposure to asbestos. While much of her practice focuses on the litigation of toxic tort asbestos matters, she also handles products liability cases. She has participated in trials that have gone to verdict on behalf of her clients in Philadelphia and Dauphin Counties, in addition to litigating cases in the surrounding counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Tiffany has also prepared appellate briefs and argued before the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

In 2002, Tiffany double majored at Lehigh University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Music (composition concentration). At Lehigh, she was a member of the University Choir and traveled with them to Hong Kong, South Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, Russia and Germany.

After graduating from Lehigh, she attended Villanova University School of Law, earning her *juris doctor* in 2005. During this period, Tiffany was a member of Moot Court Board and advanced to the semi-finals in the Reimel Moot Court Board Competition.

Education

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2005)
- Lehigh University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2002)

Admissions

- New Jersey, 2005
- Pennsylvania, 2005
- U.S. District Court District of New Jersey, 2005
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2009

Practices

- Asbestos & Mass Tort Litigation
- Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation
- Product Liability
- General Liability

Honors & Awards

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers (2017-2022)
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star (2015)

Associations & Memberships

- Defense Research Institute
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

Published Works

- "Weed 'Killer' – The Round Up Verdicts," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 25, No. 3, September 2019

Pro Bono Activities

- Attorney Advisor for the John S. Bradway High School Mock Trial Competition 2016-2017 (CAPA Philadelphia, PA)

Significant Representative Matters

- Obtained a voluntary dismissal on behalf of an aircraft parts supplier in an asbestos mesothelioma case. The plaintiff alleged he was diagnosed with mesothelioma as a result of exposure to numerous asbestos products while doing home renovation work with his father in the 1940s, while in the U.S. Air Force working as an aircraft mechanic between 1953 to 1957, as a self-employed painter between 1958 and 1960, as a civilian aircraft maintenance crew chief at the Willow Grove Air Force Base between 1959 to 1968, and non-occupationally doing automotive and home repair work. The plaintiff contended our client was the exclusive supplier of asbestos-containing fire sleeves for military aircraft hose assemblies that he worked with almost on a daily basis while at Willow Grove. Based upon the plaintiff's description of the product during his trial video and discovery depositions, our client took the position that the product could not have been supplied by them. All other defendants either settled or were dismissed, and our client took a no-pay position. As the case neared trial, plaintiff's counsel presented his evidence as to why the product identified by the plaintiff was accurate and, therefore, why we should settle the case. Through a combination of the plaintiff's testimony, our witness's prior testimony, select portions of catalog pages and drawings from the aircraft the plaintiff worked on, and catalog pages from our client's catalogs, plaintiff's counsel was persuaded to voluntarily dismiss our client shortly before trial was to begin in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- Defense verdict for a mining equipment manufacturer following a one week trial in Dauphin County before Judge Scott Arthur Evans. The plaintiff alleged her decedent husband, who died at the age of 69, contracted mesothelioma as a result of being exposed to asbestos from the brake bands on the mining equipment manufactured by our client. The decedent's mesothelioma diagnosis was uncontested. The jury returned a defense verdict the same day as closing arguments.
- Defense verdict for an electrical manufacturer following a two week trial in Philadelphia County before Judge William J. Manfredi. The plaintiff alleged that he contracted mesothelioma as a result of being exposed to asbestos from the electrical products manufactured by our client. The plaintiff was living at the time of trial and testified before the jury. Plaintiffs pursued both strict liability and negligence at trial.

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Results

Voluntary Dismissal of Client in Asbestos Mesothelioma Case

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