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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate Advocacy & Post-Trial Practice
Premises & Retail Liability
Product Liability
Automobile Liability
Property Litigation

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ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
2012

New Jersey
2012

North Carolina
2008

South Carolina
2011

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania
2013

U.S. District Court District of New Jersey
2015

U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan
2019

U.S. District Court Middle District of North Carolina
2008

U.S. District Court Eastern District of North Carolina
2010

U.S. District Court District of South Carolina
2011

OVERVIEW

Kim is a strong advocate for her insured and self-insured clients who are facing serious and significant claims. Kim also has extensive experience in monitoring trials for excess carriers and participating in those trials when necessary. As a member of both our Casualty and Appellate Departments, Kim has valuable experience in all aspects of litigation from pleadings through the appellate process. She has participated both as trial counsel and as appellate counsel in multiple trials involving plaintiffs who were catastrophically injured.

Kim represents clients in matters involving premises, product and automobile liability. She has experience defending an elevator/escalator manufacturer against claims of product liability including both design defect, manufacturing defect, as well as claims of negligent inspection/maintenance. Additionally, Kim has handled several construction defect cases in single family homes or condominium complexes involving water intrusion cases resulting in property damage and mold.

Kim understands that strong practice management is a key component to favorable resolutions and positive outcomes for her clients. She is experienced in representing clients in both state and federal courts throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and she is also licensed to practice law in North Carolina and South Carolina. Kim is a strong mentor of young associates at the firm, and she believes that a collaborative approach to cases is an effective way to ensure that new ideas and defenses are being explored to the fullest extent.

Prior to joining the firm, Kim was an associate in the catastrophic loss department of a Philadelphia defense firm. While there, she gained valuable experience handling high-value cases for excess insurers. This experience included independently working up files and preparing cases for trial, often on short notice, in support of her litigation team. Kim also monitored litigation and trials for a variety of insurers. Kim also oversaw and handled cases for her own clients consisting of contractors and building product manufacturers.

EDUCATION

Wake Forest University School of Law (J.D., 2008)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (B.A., cum laude, 2004)

HONORS & AWARDS

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers
Rising Star
2016-2023

Super Lawyers list is issued by Thompson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology can be found here. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

YEAR JOINED

2019

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Marshall Dennehey Named 2024 Litigation Department of the Year for Appellate Law By ALM's Pennsylvania Legal Awards

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March 15, 2024
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Marshall Dennehey Announces 2023 Shareholder Class - Largest in Firm's 60-Year History

December 8, 2022
Marshall Dennehey is pleased to announce that 20 attorneys, 12 men and eight women, have been elevated to shareholder effective January 1, 2023.
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Marshall Dennehey Announces 2022 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

May 23, 2022
Thirty-four attorneys across Marshall Dennehey's six Pennsylvania offices have been selected to the 2022 edition of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers magazine.
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An Overview of Pennsylvania Law for Auto Law & Premises Claims, Marshall Dennehey Virtual Client Presentation, February, 2021

RESULTS

Defense Verdict for Moving Truck Rental Company

Trucking & Transportation Liability
February 16, 2024
We secured a jury defense verdict in a general liability lawsuit brought against our client, a Pennsylvania moving equipment rental company. The plaintiffs were in their car at a McDonald's drive-thru in Delaware when their vehicle was struck by an unattached trailer that had blown from an adjacent parking lot during a storm. The trailer was blown from the parking lot of the adjacent gas station which rented trailers to the public as part of a dealership agreement with a Delaware moving equipment rental company that had the same parent corporation as the client.

Client Successfully Dismissed from Significant Product Liability Matter

Product Liability
September 21, 2023
We obtained dismissal of our client via preliminary objections in a significant product liability matter. The plaintiffs were seriously injured in a workplace accident involving a tile packaging machine. Despite the plaintiffs asserting that original process was properly served on our client, we successfully argued to the court that the purported certified mail receipt was never signed by an agent of our client and, in fact, simply said “COVID-19” on the signature block. The court sustained our objections and dismissed the case as to our client.

Defense Verdict Affirmed in Wrongful Death Case Involving COVID-19

General Liability
September 21, 2023
We successfully convinced the Pennsylvania Superior Court to affirm the trial court’s decision to sustain preliminary objections and dismiss a wrongful death case involving allegation of negligent transmission of COVID-19. The plaintiff alleged that his elderly parents contracted COVID-19 from employees of our client who were providing non-medical, in-home care services, and that his parents ultimately died from the disease.

Dismissal of wrongful death action against home aide care service.

Social Services & Human Services Liability
November 1, 2022
We obtained dismissal, with prejudice, of a wrongful death and survival action against a home aide care service. The plaintiff filed an action alleging that employees of our client transmitted COVID-19 to his elderly parents and that, as a result, both of the plaintiff’s decedents passed away.

Defense verdict in auto liability arbitration in Philadelphia.

Automobile Liability
April 13, 2022
The arbitration panel found in favor of the defendant in a motor vehicle accident case where the plaintiff was driving a dump truck and claimed he was side-swiped by a tractor-trailer. The plaintiff filed suit against the driver of the tractor-trailer and his employer, both of whom were represented by Marshall Dennehey. It was the defendants’ position that the plaintiff was not side-swiped, but that the plaintiff actually rear-ended the tractor-trailer because he was going too fast to stop as the tractor-trailer moved from the right lane into the left lane.

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Obtained a favorable settlement during jury selection for a higher education institution against wrongful death and personal injury claims resulting from a fall.

Obtained a favorable settlement on the eve of trial for a product manufacturer against personal injury claims arising from a house fire.

Drafted a successful motion for summary judgment for a civil engineer regarding a storm water management design claim.

Served as co-counsel in successful defense of a national window manufacturer in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.