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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Workers' Compensation

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ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania 1990

U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania 1991

EDUCATION

Penn State Dickinson Law (J.D., 1990)

Elizabethtown College (B.A., 1987)

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

Dauphin County Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Section

YEAR JOINED

2025

OVERVIEW

Perry is a seasoned attorney with nearly 35 years of experience representing employers and insurers in workers' compensation matters across Pennsylvania. His clients span a broad range of industries, including manufacturing, retail, national restaurant chains, higher education, and health care.

Perry is an accomplished litigator who has successfully defended clients before Workers' Compensation Judges, the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. He has also delivered oral arguments before each of these judicial bodies.

A respected contributor to the workers' compensation community, Perry has authored articles for the *Pennsylvania Bar Quarterly* on subjects such as mental stress, specific loss and fatal claims, and Supersedeas Fund Reimbursement. He is often invited to present to employers and insurance carriers on key issues impacting workers' compensation law and practice.

Before joining Marshall Dennehey, Perry was a shareholder at a Harrisburg-area law firm. He has served as Secretary of the Workers' Compensation Section of the Dauphin County Bar Association and as an official for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association from 2019 to 2021.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Marshall Dennehey Bolsters Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Team With Strategic Additions of Perry D. Merlo and Andrew W. Maffett in Harrisburg

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Marshall Dennehey is strengthening its Pennsylvania workers' compensation practice with the strategic additions of Perry D.

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CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

"Workers' Compensation Case Law Update," yearly client update, 2014-2025

"Avoiding Litigation," Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Conference, 2019

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workers' Compensation v. WCAB (Crawford), 23 A.3d 511 (Pa 2011) - Secured \$30,000 supersedeas recovery for client and established favorable case law for employers allowing for supersedeas reimbursement on medical bills incurred before supersedeas requested, but paid after denial of supersedeas.

Kramer v. WCAB (Rite Aid Corporation), 584 Pa. 309 (Supreme Court of Pennsylvania 2025) - Secured credit for severance benefits paid by employer as credit against workers' compensation benefits paid by workers' compensation carrier.