

## WILLIAM L. BANTON JR.

CO-CHAIR, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RISK AND LIABILITY PRACTICE GROUP  
SHAREHOLDER



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Health Care Liability  
Long-Term Care Liability  
Public Entity and Civil Rights Litigation  
Behavioral Health Risk and Liability  
Asbestos and Mass Tort Litigation

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### ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania  
1984

### EDUCATION

Southern University Law  
Center (J.D., 1983)

Temple University (A.S., 1979;  
B.A., 1980)

### HONORS & AWARDS

AV® Preeminent™ by  
Martindale-Hubbell®

Pennsylvania Super Lawyer  
2006-2021

### OVERVIEW

William is a member of the Human Relations Committee and serves as vice-chair of the Hiring Committee at Marshall Dennehey. He is also the co-chair of the Behavioral Health Risk and Liability Practice Group.

Since 1994, William has focused his practice primarily on medical malpractice litigation and long-term care liability. He has also practiced in the areas of mental health (e.g., foster care abuse and sexual abuse), general liability and civil rights defense. William has defended major asbestos manufacturers in toxic tort matters and has represented the interests of numerous municipalities in the state of Pennsylvania in various civil rights cases litigated in federal court.

Ninety-nine percent of the cases William has tried were to a jury. He obtained defense verdicts in a large number of these cases, and some trials ended in a verdict or settlement significantly below the settlement demands. For example, William successfully defended a pediatrician in a case where the settlement demand was \$7 million. He obtained the dismissal of his physician client following oral argument, just prior to trial. William also obtained favorable settlements for clients in several cases involving demands in excess of \$3 million. In addition, he obtained a directed verdict in a trial involving the death of a juvenile following a methadone overdose.

William is a graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Following graduation, William attended the Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he obtained his *juris doctor* in 1983. William returned to the Philadelphia area and accepted a clerkship with the Honorable Theodore A. McKee, formerly of the Court of Common Pleas and, currently, Chief Judge on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Upon completion of a challenging one-year clerkship, William served as an assistant city solicitor and eventually obtained the status of assistant chief city solicitor for the Philadelphia Law Department, where he tried numerous cases

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## ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Board of Trial Advocates

American College of Trial Lawyers

International Academy of Trial Lawyers

Pennsylvania Defense Institute

Philadelphia Bar Association

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## YEAR JOINED

1990

involving alleged civil rights violations by the Philadelphia Police Department and corrections officers for the Philadelphia prisons.

In June 1985, William entered the private practice of law, where he refined his skills in a wide variety of litigation matters at two area law firms before joining Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin in November 1990.

William has lectured before various insurance organizations, educating physicians about the litigation process. He has also participated in mock trial seminars, including a seminar for the Philadelphia Aids Law Project whose goal is to educate the public on issues of discrimination encountered by people with a diagnoses of HIV/Aids. William was also invited by the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas to participate in a mock trial at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. Additionally, he participated in a mock trial competition for high school students in the Philadelphia School District in association with the Temple University Beasley School of Law.

William has been a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates since 2005. He was recently honored by his peers and chosen for membership to a select group of lawyers in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He was also selected for membership into the American College of Trial Lawyers. William has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer since 2006 in the area of personal injury defense - medical malpractice.

William is also the president of the Latham Park Home Owners Association and serves on the board of directors of Intercommunity Action, Inc.

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### Marshall Dennehey Announces 2021 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

May 26, 2021

Forty-five attorneys from the Pennsylvania offices of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin have been selected to the 2021 edition of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers magazine.

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### Child Protective Services Law: Implications of Behavioral Health Organizations

Allentown

Philadelphia - Headquarters

Behavioral Health Risk and Liability

March 31, 2021

## **MARSHALL DENNEHEY LAUNCHES FOUR NEW HEALTH CARE PRACTICE GROUPS IN RESPONSE TO EVOLVING INDUSTRY TRENDS**

Health Care Liability  
Behavioral Health Risk and Liability  
Electronic Medical Record and Audit Trail Litigation  
Emergency Medical Services  
Telehealth and Telemedicine

March 9, 2020

In an effort to keep pace with client needs in the evolving health care environment, Marshall Dennehey has launched four new practice groups: Behavioral Health Risk and Liability; Electronic Medical Record and Audit Trail Litigation; Emergency Medical Services; and Telehealth and Telemedicine.

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## **William Banton Admitted to American College of Trial Lawyers**

April 4, 2013

William Banton Jr. of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America.

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## **Seminar on case evaluations and jury verdicts in medical professionals liability cases**

October 1, 2011

Kevin FitzPatrick (King of Prussia, PA), Chandler Hosmer (King of Prussia, PA), Bill Banton (Philadelphia, PA), and Joan Orsini Ford(Doylestown, PA) presented a seminar on case evaluations and jury verdicts in medical

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## **CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT**

*The Do's and Don'ts of Trial Advocacy*, Health Care and Health Law Seminar, Marshall Dennehey, November 5, 2015

*Masters in Trial Program*, faculty member, The American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 9, 2014

*Training Seminar/Medical Update Regarding "Never Events"; Medicare/Medicaid Reporting and Its Effects on Medical Record Documentation*, County Commissioner's Association of Pennsylvania, August 2009

*Managing Complex Litigation*, The National Judicial College, July 2008

## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

"Child Protective Services Law: Implications for Behavioral Health Organizations," *The Pennsylvania Lawyer*, March/April 2021