

## HOWARD P. DWOSKIN

DIRECTOR, CASUALTY DEPARTMENT  
MEMBER, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SHAREHOLDER



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

General Liability  
Automobile Liability  
Trucking & Transportation Liability  
Premises and Retail Liability

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### ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania  
1986

U.S. District Court Eastern  
District of Pennsylvania  
1987

### EDUCATION

Villanova University School of  
Law (J.D., 1986)

University of Pennsylvania  
(B.A., 1981)

### HONORS & AWARDS

AV® Preeminent™ by  
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Pennsylvania Super Lawyers  
2012-2019

### OVERVIEW

In his role as director of the Casualty Department, Howard is responsible for managing the administration process of the firm's largest legal department, which includes human relations, workflow, attorney productivity, client relations and marketing. With his ability to identify and maximize the talents of others, Howard assists in recruiting top talent and building the Casualty Department's legal team at multiple levels. His skills as an organizational leader, with more than 30 years experience, enable him to successfully navigate and manage more than 225 attorneys. Howard is also a member of the three-person Executive Committee, the governing body of our law firm which serves to advance and implement our strategic goals.

In addition to his management role, Howard is also the chair of the General Liability Practice Group where he plays a more substantive role in the handling of case files. As an experienced litigator, he has defended hundreds of premises and retail liability claims, as well as complex, high-exposure matters on behalf of insurance companies and self-insureds.

Throughout his career, Howard has been a frequent lecturer on the topics of "The Art of Negotiation," "Pennsylvania Premises Liability Laws" and "The Pennsylvania Retail Theft Act." He is the co-chair and course planner for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's premises liability seminar "How To Win the Fall Down Case."

After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor of arts in Economics, Howard worked for General Electric for two years before enrolling in Villanova University School of Law where he graduated with a *juris doctor* in 1986.

Howard is a big supporter of the arts. He, along with his wife and two daughters, volunteer in community theatre programs for adults and children.

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## ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Claims & Litigation  
Management Alliance (CLM)

Defense Research Institute

Disciplinary Board of the  
Pennsylvania Supreme Court,  
Committee Member

Pennsylvania Association of  
Defense Counsel, Executive  
Committee Member

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Pennsylvania Defense  
Institute

Philadelphia Bar Association

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## YEAR JOINED

1987

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### **Marshall Dennehey Named a 2020 "Best Law Firm" in Multiple Practice Areas by U.S. News - Best Lawyers®**

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Allentown  
Scranton  
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Wilmington  
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Orlando  
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Erie  
Harrisburg  
King of Prussia  
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November 1, 2019

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August 15, 2019

Marshall Dennehey is proud to announce that 25 attorneys from offices across the firm have been selected to the 2020 Edition of the Best Lawyers in America®.

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For the second time in seven years, Marshall Dennehey was selected as the top scorer in the Extra Large Company category of the Philadelphia Business Journal's Best Places to Work program.

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November 1, 2018

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**Philadelphia - Headquarters**

**September 1, 2019**

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## **Amendments to the Florida Evidence Code**

**General Liability**

**Professional Liability**

**Health Care Liability**

**Workers' Compensation**

**May 28, 2019**

By Joey M. Chindamo

## Message From the Executive Committee

**Philadelphia - Headquarters**

**December 10, 2018**

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**March 1, 2018**

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## CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Frequent Lecturer on *The Art of Negotiation*, *Pennsylvania Premises Liability Laws* and *The Pennsylvania Retail Theft Act*

Chair and course planner, Mealey's LexisNexis's annual national Retail and Hospitality Law seminar

Chair and course planner Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Premises Liability Seminars

## PUBLISHED WORKS

"A Merchant's Guide to Enforcing Pennsylvania's Retail Theft Act," *The Pennsylvania Retailer*

"Pleadings Really Count in Premises Liability," *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*

"Appraising Loss Under Homeowners Insurance Policies," *For the Defense*

"The Superior Court of Pennsylvania Finally Rules on the Necessity of Disclosing Surveillance Videotapes Prior to Trial," *Defense Digest*

"No Blind Man's Bluff; Disabled Store Employee Open & Obvious," *Defense Digest*

"Trivial/DeMinimus Defects Clarified," *Defense Digest*

## SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

*Ferdinand v. Save-A-Lot/SuperValu*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 30683 (E.D. Pa. April. 14, 2008). Plaintiff sued Save-A-Lot alleging wrongful detainment for shoplifting. Although the facts bore out that the plaintiff had properly paid for her purchases, the court, nevertheless, granted summary judgment for the defense pursuant to the Pennsylvania Retail Theft Act.

*Doylestown Electric Supply Company v. Maryland Cas. Ins. Co.*, 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS, 20599 (E.D. Pa. Dec. 31, 1996). Plaintiff sustained water damage in home due to heavy rains filling drainage system. Court found for defendant stating that, because the damage was caused by both water that backed up from a sewage drain and surface water, the surface water exclusion in the policy allowed insurer to properly deny coverage.

Plaintiff claimed to have tripped and fallen over a bare end cap in a major retail department store. Jury found for the defendant on the basis that the plaintiff failed to prove that the store was negligent.

Plaintiff alleged personal injuries arising out of a dog attack in a public park. Court granted compulsory nonsuit for the defendant under prevailing Pennsylvania statutes and case law.

Intersectional collision between plaintiff's vehicle and defendant's tractor trailer. Jury trial in favor of defendant with no appeal.

Plaintiff fell down residential staircase and suffered brain damage injury. There was a controversy as to plaintiff's mental capacity at time of fall. Due to complexity of case, it was referred to ADR where defense verdict was awarded.

*Raimo v. Waddy*, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20499 (E.D.Pa. Oct. 8, 2004).

*Booth v. Black & Decker, Inc.*, 166 F. Supp. 2d 215 (E.D. Pa. 2001)

*Christian v. United States*, 1999 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17381 (E.D. Pa. Nov. 8, 1999)

*Fanning v. Black & Decker, Inc.*, 1999 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3407 (E.D. Pa. March 18, 1999)

*Duffy v. Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co.*, 1993 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16197 (E.D. Pa. Nov. 10, 1993)

*Kimmel v. Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co.*, 1992 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 329 (E.D. Pa. Jan 14, 1992)

*Pilong v. Rome*, 555 Pa. 559 (1999)