

## PAUL F. LAUGHLIN

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



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Health Care Liability  
Long-Term Care Liability  
Behavioral Health Risk and Liability  
Professional Liability  
Public Entity and Civil Rights Litigation  
Architectural, Engineering and  
Construction Defect Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Employment Law  
White Collar Crime

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### ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania  
1990

### EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law  
Center (J.D., 1990)

University of Notre Dame  
(B.A., 1987)

### HONORS & AWARDS

AV® Preeminent™ by  
Martindale-Hubbell®

Pennsylvania Super Lawyer  
2012-2018

U.S. Dept. of the Treasury,  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco &  
Firearms - Service  
Recognition Award  
1995

### OVERVIEW

Paul is the supervising attorney of the Health Care Department in the Allentown office and co-chair of the Behavioral Health Risk and Liability Practice Group. He began his career as a prosecutor, but in recent years has focused his professional efforts on matters including medical/professional liability defense, corporate/commercial litigation, construction/real estate litigation and civil rights litigation.

An active trial attorney, Paul has tried in excess of 130 cases to a jury verdict. He has successfully defended countless professional liability matters, including a high percentage of medical and legal malpractice cases. He represents physicians, physician groups, nurses, psychiatrists, hospitals and long-term care facilities in medical liability matters and attorneys, law firms and real estate agents in professional liability actions as well as professional licensing prosecutions. Paul also represents builders and contractors in construction cases, as well as government agencies in civil rights cases.

A frequent participant in alternative dispute resolution proceedings, Paul has received formal training as a mediator through the Pepperdine University Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. He has been selected to serve as a neutral arbitrator and has been certified to serve as an arbitrator in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Paul received his undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame and his *juris doctor* from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he was a business editor of *The American Criminal Law Review*. He then began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office where, as a member of the Homicide Unit, he was entrusted with significant cases including numerous capital murder prosecutions. Paul was also selected to serve as a Special Assistant United States Attorney to assist in the coordination of a joint federal and local arson task

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## YEAR JOINED

2003

force that culminated in the successful investigation and prosecution of the Quaker Lace factory arson, which was subsequently selected as a model for arson investigations and prosecutions nationwide.

Paul maintains an active role in the community. He has served as a member of the advisory board for the Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth and has volunteered as a youth baseball coach.

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### **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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### **CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT**

*Oh, What a Tangled Web We Weave: How the Internet Can Make or Break the Medical Professional Negligence Case*, 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joint Meeting of the Lehigh County Bar Association and Lehigh County Medical Society, September 9, 2014

*Highlights in Pennsylvania Medical Malpractice Law*, 2013 Trends in Health Care and Health Law Seminar, Marshall Dennehey, November 7, 2013

*Caring for Yourself While Caring for Your Patients*, Sacred Heart Hospital of Allentown's Family Practice Residency Program, January 2010

CLE Trial Advocacy Seminar: *Closing Arguments*, 2008

*Anatomy of a Lawsuit*, Sacred Heart Hospital, 2007

CLE Seminar on Fraud and Abuse, Insurance Society of Philadelphia, 2006

*Mitigation and Litigation*, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital, 2006

*Tort Reform and The Impact Upon Medical Practitioners*, presentation for physicians at Sacred Heart Hospital, 2005

*Disclosure and Reporting of Medical Errors*, presentation for physicians at Pocono Medical Center, 2005

*Patient Safety and Risk Management Seminar*, presentation for physicians at Easton Hospital, 2005

*M-Care Act, Re: Expert Witness*, 2003

*Death Penalty Litigation, 2001*

*Cross-Examination, 1997*

*Expert Witnesses, 1995*

Lectures, Re: *Closing Argument*, Widener University and University of Pennsylvania Law School

## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

"Ethics in Government Act," *American Criminal Law Review*, 5th Survey of White Collar Crime, Volume 26, No. 3, 1989

## **SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

Secured defense verdict after a four-week trial on behalf of a physician who was alleged to have been negligent by failing to administer iv-tPa and for failing to transfer patient for advanced stroke treatment. Evidence of damages presented to the jury was in excess of \$20 million.

Successfully defended two neurosurgeons, a neurologist and a hospital in a jury trial involving a 21-year-old male who had been hospitalized following a car accident and subsequently passed away as the result of a ruptured aneurysm.

Secured defense jury verdict in medical liability case involving brain injury allegedly caused by forceps, with damages projected by economists in excess of \$50 million.

Secured summary judgment in favor of client in a case involving an accident resulting in paralysis of a child. The verdict against remaining parties exceeded \$30 million.

Obtained favorable development in jurisprudence related to venue in medical professional lawsuits and in particular leading to removal of a Lehigh County health care provider from courts in Philadelphia.