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**AREAS OF PRACTICE**

Product Liability
Construction Injury Litigation
Automobile Liability
Hospitality & Liquor Liability
General Liability
Catastrophic Claims Litigation

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ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
1984

U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit
1984

U.S. District Court Eastern District
of Pennsylvania
1984

U.S. District Court Middle District
of Pennsylvania
1984

Supreme Court of the United
States
2012

OVERVIEW

Since joining Marshall Dennehey in 1993, Ed has devoted his practice to the defense of product liability matters, with particular emphasis on automobiles, motorcycles, ATVs, forklifts, scissor lifts, and other industrial and commercial equipment and products.

Ed defends a broad range of construction injury claims including accidents from scaffold falls, heavy equipment, electrical injuries, burns and construction vehicles. In his construction practice he also handles cases involving complex issues involving insurance coverage and serious losses, including catastrophic injury and death in the areas of construction accidents and construction defects. Ed regularly represents construction management companies, developers, property owners, general contractors and other construction professionals.

Ed represents aerial lift rental companies, contractors and manufacturers of various industrial products. He is most frequently asked to defend catastrophic personal injury cases. These cases typically involve construction-related accidents and product liability claims. He also handles general negligence claims.

In 1998, Ed received his Master's Degree in Trial Advocacy with honors from the Temple University School of Law. He has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for 2006 and 2008-2021 in the area of civil litigation defense.

EDUCATION

Temple University School of Law
(LL.M., Trial Advocacy, with
honors, 1998)

Duquesne University School of
Law (J.D., 1984)

University of Notre Dame (B.A.,
1981)

Ed is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. Following graduation from Notre Dame in 1981, he attended Duquesne University School of Law. Ed graduated in the top 25 percent of his class and received his *juris doctor* in 1984. He started his career with the defense litigation firm of Liebert, Short, FitzPatrick and Lavin, where he developed extensive experience in a wide range of casualty defense matters, with particular emphasis on the defense of product liability claims.

Ed has been a volunteer attorney for the Support Center for Child Advocates for over 22 years. He volunteers to represent children who have been abused or otherwise need legal representation as determined by the court and assigned by the Support Center. In 1999, Ed was honored with recognition as a "Distinguished Advocate for Children." He continues to actively be involved in this organization.

HONORS & AWARDS

AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®

First Judicial District of Pennsylvania's Pro Bono Hall of Fame for work for Support Center for Child Advocates

Litigation Management Institute, Graduate 2011 (CLMP)

Pennsylvania Super Lawyer 2006, 2008-2022

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Claims & Litigation Management Alliance

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Philadelphia Bar Association

YEAR JOINED

1993

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

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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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CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

2008 Update on Pennsylvania Product Liability Law, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Atlantic City, New Jersey, August 2008

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Product Liability in Pennsylvania," *Lift and Access*, September 2009

"Product Liability Defendants Must Ask, 'Am I a Seller?'," *Defense Digest*, 2000-10, Vol. 6, No. 5

"The Y2K Act - Will an Ounce of Prevention Be Worth a Pound of Cure?," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 5, No. 4, 1999

"Will Your Judgment Day Be in Y2K?," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 5, No. 3, 1999

"Intoxication Evidence: Admissible To Prove Causation in Product Liability Case and Admissible to Address Life Expectancy When Permanent Injury Is Claimed," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 4, No. 4, 1998

"Defending Products Cases with Intoxication Evidence," *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*, October 19, 1998

"Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Arbitrations--A Narrow Scope of Review Can Cost You Dearly," *Defense Digest*, January, 1996

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Successfully resolved complicated workplace/product liability case involving a fatality, where the demand was \$40 million, by demonstrating through a complicated and sophisticated biomechanical analysis that the body position of the decedent showed that he had intentionally placed himself in an obvious position of danger.

Tried to defense verdict a product liability claim allegedly involving a van seat failure. The demand had been \$5 million.

Tried a work-related personal injury matter to verdict. Matter favorably resolved after verdict based upon strong appellate issues raised.

Successfully resolved claim of worker permanently injured by contact with electrical circuitry. Used forensic DNA analysis to establish compelling defense that contradicted the testimony of the plaintiff.

Successfully resolved work-related claim where worker suffered paraplegia. Case tried against non-settling defendant and resulted in multi-million dollar verdict.