

STUART H. SOSTMANN

CO-CHAIR, CONSTRUCTION INJURY PRACTICE GROUP
SHAREHOLDER



AREAS OF PRACTICE

Construction Injury Litigation
Product Liability
Property Litigation
Automobile Liability
Architectural, Engineering and
Construction Defect Litigation
Hospitality and Liquor Liability
Commercial Litigation
Premises and Retail Liability
General Liability

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ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
1999

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh
School of Law (J.D., 1999)

University of Pittsburgh (B.A.,
cum laude, 1996)

HONORS & AWARDS

AV® Preeminent™ by
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Pennsylvania Super Lawyers
2018-2020

OVERVIEW

With over two decades of experience as a litigator, Stuart concentrates his practice in the area of commercial general liability. He routinely handles high exposure matters in the fields of product liability, premises liability, auto liability, construction litigation, marine liability, dram shop and commercial litigation. This includes cases involving personal injuries and property damage claims. Additionally, Stuart serves as the firm's casualty supervising attorney in the Pittsburgh office, ensuring that client matters are handled promptly, professionally and effectively.

In his career, Stuart has represented manufacturers, suppliers and retailers in product liability matters, including electronics, medical equipment, food products, appliances, farm equipment, plumbing equipment, power tools, toys and sports and recreational equipment. He frequently represents property owners, retailers, pharmacies, general contractors, subcontractors and utilities in premises liability litigation. He has tried numerous cases to verdict in counties throughout Western Pennsylvania.

In addition, a large portion of Stuart's practice is devoted to construction litigation. These claims are highly involved cases that require deep knowledge and an extensive background in all areas of the construction industry. As Co-Chair of the Construction Injury Practice Group, Stuart handles a wide variety of construction injury as well as defect cases, defending contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, engineers, architects, and other construction trade professionals throughout the State of Pennsylvania against such claims. The scope of his representation includes common claims of construction defect issues like water intrusion due to faulty roofing or window/door seals, cracked foundation or improper water proofing, structural issues, design issues, mold intrusion, drywall problems, and soil subsidence, heaving or movement.

Stuart attended the University of Pittsburgh graduating with a B.A. in Political Science.

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Allegheny County Bar Association

American Bar Association

Pennsylvania Defense Institute, West Regional Director

He then attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Law where he participated in the Appellate Moot Court Program, Student Bar Association and the Health Law Certificate Program. He obtained his juris doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Rated AV® Preeminent™ by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell, Stuart is also a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association and Pennsylvania Defense Institute. Additionally, he is presently the Secretary of the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Defense Institute and a member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County. He is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

YEAR JOINED

1998

Steven Forry and Stuart Sostmann Promoted to Supervisory Roles in Pittsburgh

Health Care Liability

General Liability

March 1, 2017

Steven J. Forry and Stuart H. Sostmann, shareholders in the Pittsburgh office of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, have been promoted to supervisory roles in their respective practice areas. Mr.

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Patrick Reilly and Stu Sostmann (Pittsburgh, PA) recently presented a seminar on "Discoverability and Proper Use of Claim Notes"

October 1, 2011

Patrick Reilly and Stu Sostmann (Pittsburgh, PA) recently presented a seminar on "Discoverability and Proper Use of Claim Notes" to our client, Berkley Mid-Atlantic. (10/11)

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Yes! Waivers of Liability for Recreational Activities Are Still Effective in Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh

Amusements, Sports and Recreation Liability

March 1, 2017

Defense Digest, Vol. 23, No. 1, March 2017 by Stuart H. Sostmann, Esquire Key Points: Defense Digest, Vol. 23, No. 1, March 2017. Defense Digest is prepared by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin to provide information on recent legal developments of interest to our readers.

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

An Overview of Construction Defect Litigation in Pennsylvania, Nationwide Insurance Company, December 16, 2014

Commercial Defense Practice in New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania, Nationwide Insurance Company, December 5, 2014

Brief Overview of Pennsylvania Contractual Indemnity and Additional Insured Issues, Nationwide Insurance Company, April 2012

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Yes! Waivers of Liability for Recreational Activities Are Still Effective in Pennsylvania," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 23, No. 1, March 2017

"Timing Is Everything, Even for Bad Faith Claims," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 6, No. 1, February 2000

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Successfully argued a precedent-setting case in the Pennsylvania Superior Court where a waiver of subrogation clause in a construction contract was applied to building damages caused by a windstorm three years after the project was completed.

Successfully defended a product installer at trial in a single vehicle accident, where the placement of the product in the vehicle was claimed to be the cause of the crash at high speed. A defense verdict was obtained after a 5 day jury trial where the demand was \$800,000 prior to trial.