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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
2004

EDUCATION

The George Washington
University Law School (J.D., cum
laude, 2004)

University of Pennsylvania (B.A.,
cum laude, 2001)

YEAR JOINED

2006

OVERVIEW

Elizabeth is a shareholder in the Health Care Department, where she focuses her practice in the areas of medical and dental malpractice, with a secondary focus on premises and product liability cases. She also handles large-scale personal injury claims arising from construction accidents.

Elizabeth has represented a large number of doctors, dentists, physician assistants, certified registered nurse practitioners and nurses in a multitude of malpractice actions. She has also represented clients in construction liability cases involving the representation of general contractors, subcontractors, engineers, architects and surveyors; premises liability cases involving the representation of commercial shopping centers, corporate centers, health care offices, etc.; and product liability cases with respect to the representation of manufacturers, distributors and wholesalers.

Elizabeth graduated *cum laude* from The George Washington University School of Law. She was awarded the American Bar Association/Bureau of National Affairs Award. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania, where she graduated *cum laude* and with distinction in her major of International Relations.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

On the Horns of a Trial Dilemma: Addressing a Prior Conviction on Direct Examination or Waiving the Right to Contest the Admissibility on Appeal

Philadelphia - Headquarters
Health Care Liability
General Liability
June 1, 2023

Key Points: Defense Digest, Vol. 29, No.

Waiving the Right to Seek Arbitration: New Court Ruling Limits Parties' Ability to Seek to Enforce Arbitration Clause

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Health Care Liability
General Liability
January 29, 2021

Defense Digest, Vol. 27, No.

Marshall Dennehey Announces New Shareholders, Special Counsel

January 2, 2014

Marshall Dennehey announced today that 16 attorneys, nearly half of them women, were elected shareholders of the firm at the annual shareholders' meeting held December 9 in Philadelphia.

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Clarifying Qualifications Necessary To Provide a Written Statement in Support of a Certificate of Merit

Philadelphia - Headquarters
Health Care Liability
December 1, 2011

Pennsylvania – Health Care Liability Key Points: Defense Digest, Vol. 17, No. 4, December 2011

Case Update: Secretary of Labor v. Summit Contractors, Inc.: a Revival of the Controlling Employer OSHA Citation Policy on Multi-Employer Worksites

Philadelphia - Headquarters
Miscellaneous Professional Liability
June 1, 2009

Pennsylvania - Construction Litigation This is an update to "The Summit Decision: Limiting General Contractor's Liability Under OSHA for Safety Violations of its Subcontractors at Multi-Employer Construction Sites," published in Volume 15, No. 1 of Defense Digest. Defense Digest, Vol. 15, No. 2, June 2009

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Creating a Trial Notebook, Institute for Paralegal Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 18, 2015

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Waiving the Right to Seek Arbitration: New Court Ruling Limits Parties' Ability to Seek to Enforce Arbitration Clause," *Defense Digest*, January 2021, Vol. 27, No. 1

"Case Update: Secretary of Labor v. Summit Contractors, Inc.: A Revival of the Controlling Employer OSHA Citation Policy on Multi-Employer Worksites," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 15, No. 2, 2009

"The Summit Decision: Limiting General Contractor's Liability Under OSHA for Safety Violations of its Subcontractors at Multi-Employer Construction Sites," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 15, No. 1, 2009

"Show Me The Merit: Pennsylvania's Certificate of Merit Requirement And Substantial Compliance," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 13, No. 2, 2007

