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A native of the Pittsburgh area, John's practice includes commercial and financial litigation, with an emphasis on defending insurers against professional negligence, insurance bad faith and insurance coverage claims.

In addition, he has handled a number of toxic tort, product liability and premises liability cases, working closely with clients to build successful litigation strategies that accomplish their objectives. He has represented oil and gas clients in both transactional and litigation settings. This includes assisting an oil and gas exploration company with a billion dollar land acquisition project and representing oil and gas companies in casualty litigation stemming from wellsite activities. His litigation experience includes managing discovery throughout litigation, including conducting depositions and drafting and arguing motions, including successfully briefing and arguing numerous case-dispositive motions to dismiss and summary judgment motions in state and federal court.

John's clients appreciate his responsiveness to questions and concerns along with his track record of success. With both of his parents being attorneys, he learned at an early age that a good lawyer works with clients to identify their current and future needs and representation is not a one-size-fits-all process.

Growing up in the area, John is committed to giving back to his community and has worked with Neighborhood Legal Services to provide pro bono representation to indigent clients making Social Security appeals. He also provides transactional work for nonprofits, which includes formation, operational issues and compliance issues.

Services

- Litigation
- Product Liability
- Toxic Tort

Education

- Barry University School of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2012)
 - Barry Law Review

- University of Pittsburgh (B.A., 2007)

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Affiliations/Memberships

- American Inns of Court
- Pittsburgh Ballet, Emerging Patrons Board

Distinctions

- Pennsylvania *Rising Stars*®
- *Best Lawyers*®, Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation (2021)

Publications

May 28, 2020

Removal Ruling Raises Questions about Where COVID-19-Related Business Interruption Claims Should be Heard

April 8, 2020

Coronavirus-Related Business Interruption Insurance Claims In Pennsylvania