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John R. McGinley, Jr.

OF COUNSEL

Jack McGinley is a trial attorney with more than 45 years of legal experience. He concentrates his practice in corporate, business, real estate, and professional liability matters. He also has significant experience in handling matters on behalf of nonprofit organizations.

Jack previously served in the public sector as an assistant district attorney of Allegheny County. He later co-founded the firm Grogan Graffam McGinley, P.C., where he practiced for more than 30 years before joining Eckert Seamans as an equity partner in 2002. Throughout his legal career, he has successfully tried numerous high-profile cases to verdict. He also chaired the Independent Regulatory Review Commission of Pennsylvania for more than 10 years and is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County.

Jack has complemented his legal career with various business interests and service to many nonprofit corporations. He is the former chair of Rockwood Casualty Insurance Company and the current chair and president of Ballymoney Real Estate Services, a real estate development and management company. He has also served as a director of the Pittsburgh Steelers Football Club and Wilson McGinley Inc., a wholesale distributor of beer and malt beverages. Jack currently serves as chair of Duquesne University's board of directors, an emeritus trustee at St. Bonaventure University (where he also previously chaired the board of trustees), chair of the Rita McGinley Foundation, and chair of The Pittsburgh Foundation. He is the former board chair of Pittsburgh Mercy Hospital, which he led through its joiner with UPMC.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Business Counseling
Litigation
Nonprofits
Professional Liability
Commercial Litigation

STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Supreme Court of the United States

EDUCATION:

J.D., Duquesne University School of Law, 1968

B.S., St. Bonaventure University, 1965

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented major health system in liquidation—utilizing a team of firm attorneys to address employment law; employee benefits, including pension plan terminations; dissolution of the corporations through which the health system operated; resolution of class actions; and bankruptcy and creditors' rights issues—to ensure that the assets were promptly liquidated and that creditor claims against these assets were promptly processed. Client chose to dissolve under the supervision of the courts pursuant to Pennsylvania's Nonprofit Law, rather than by filing for bankruptcy, becoming one of the largest nonprofit corporate dissolutions in the history of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Orphans' Court. The lack of precedent required great flexibility from the Court and the attorneys in formulating a procedure that followed the Orphans' Court rules,

yet took into account the size and complexity of the case.

- Handled litigation work regarding the politically-charged closure of a major hospital in Pittsburgh. The client prevailed in a number of suits that were filed in an attempt to stop the closure.
- Resolved cases with the Internal Revenue Service concerning federal estate taxes.
- Successfully represented plaintiff in matter pertaining to a major gas explosion.
- Represented major mass media corporation in litigation regarding liabilities in connection with net leases.
- Appointed by St. Bonaventure University to lead panel on review of its basketball program following forfeiture of six victories after the National Collegiate Athletic Association declared one of its players ineligible on academic grounds, in addition to two additional forfeitures and the resignation of the university's president.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Judicial Evaluation Commission for Appellate Judges
- American Bar Association
- Independent Regulatory Review Commission, Chairman Emeritus
- Allegheny Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, Fellow
- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, Member and Past Governor
- Rockwood Casualty Insurance Company, Former Chairman
- Corporate Advisory Board for the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Former Member

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The Pittsburgh Foundation, Chair – Board of Directors
- Pittsburgh Steelers Sports, Inc., Director
- Duquesne University, Chair – Board of Directors
- Duquesne University, Chair Investment Committee, Director
- Duquesne University School of Law Advisory Board
- St. Bonaventure University, Emeritus Trustee
- UPMC Executive Committee (2102), Board of Trustees
- UPMC Mercy Hospital, Former Chair
- Wilson-McGinley, Director

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Recipient of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation's 2026

Presidential Merit Award

- Selected for inclusion as The Best Lawyers in America 2023 – 2027 for Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Recognized by the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Three Rivers Chapter, with the 2023 Leadership in For-Profit Company Governance Award, May 11, 2023.
- Recipient of the 2022 Coleman Award by The University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics
- Selected for inclusion as The Best Lawyers in America for Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Trusts and Estates and was named the Best Lawyers® 2021 Trust and Estates "Lawyer of the Year" in Pittsburgh
- Bestowed with the Allegheny County Bar Association's Professionalism Award
- Selected for inclusion as The Best Lawyers in America 2018 Bet-the Company Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" in Pittsburgh
- Awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by St. Bonaventure University
- Inducted into Central Catholic High School's Hall of Fame
- Inducted into Duquesne University's Century Club of Distinguished Alumni
- Selected for inclusion in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers
- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America
- Selected for inclusion in the Irish Legal 100
- Attained an AV® Preeminent™ rating from Martindale-Hubbell

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

MEDIA COVERAGE

- "Q&A: Lifetime Achievement 2023: Jack McGinley," Legal Intelligencer, June 4, 2023
- "Eckert Seamans Pittsburgh Member John R. McGinley Honored with 2022 Coleman Award by The University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics," December 2022.
- "St. Francis Health Center estate closes, seven years later" quoted, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, June 24, 2009.