

Mark C. Hamilton

MEMBER

Mark Hamilton concentrates his practice in general civil and commercial litigation and regularly represents individuals in guardianship and estate litigation. He also assists banking, financial services, and investment management clients with litigation and compliance matters. Mark serves as the General Counsel for the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) and is solicitor for the Bridgeville Borough Parking Authority.

Prior to attending law school, Mark worked as a contract analyst, with a particular focus on compliance with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and Export Administration Regulations (EAR). While in law school, Mark served as a judicial extern to Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Mary Jane Bowes and U.S. District Court Judge Nora Barry Fischer.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Successful defense of executor in will contest trial before the Allegheny County Register of Wills. Obtained compulsory non-suit on behalf of respondent due to petitioner's failure to show that testator suffered from weakened intellect. Obtained summary judgment in companion trust action brought in Orphans' Court.
- Obtained summary judgment and dismissal of plaintiffs' fraud and slander of title claims against bank based on the alleged post-closing alteration of the mortgage.
- Represented two major union pension funds in a complex action against a defunct employer's surety to recover significant amounts of delinquent contributions owed for work funneled through the employer's sham non-union company. This case was resolved with a favorable settlement following the conclusion of discovery and summary judgment briefing.
- Assisted in obtaining summary judgment and dismissal of plaintiff's claims of conspiracy, tortious interference, breach of contract, and unjust enrichment in lawsuit concerning interpretation and negotiation of an oil and gas lease. This case created new law in Pennsylvania when the Superior Court affirmed the trial court's ruling that the non-attorney consultant engaged in the unauthorized practice of law through drafting and negotiating an oil and gas lease.
- Successful defense of elderly business owner in emergency capacity hearing brought by son following his termination from

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PRACTICE AREAS:
Commercial Litigation

STATE ADMISSIONS:
Pennsylvania
West Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS:
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court for the District of West Virginia
U.S. Court of Federal Claims
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION:
J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, *cum laude*, 2010; Articles Editor, *Pittsburgh Journal of Environmental and Public Health Law*; Senior Editor, JURIST Hotline
M.S., London School of Economics and Political Science, cum laude, 2003
B.A., Miami University of Ohio, cum laude, 2002; Assistant Editor of the peer-reviewed academic journal, *International Politics*

LANGUAGES:
French

employment. Mark was able to have the petitioner's case dismissed on a non-suit for failure to establish incapacity or mental incompetence.

- Successfully represented a small manufacturer subject to investigation by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry & Security for a suspected Export Administration Regulations (EAR) violation.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Allegheny County Bar Association, Vice-Chair, ACBA Bench-Bar Committee (Chair for 2027 Bench-Bar Conference), former member of the Judiciary Committee, former member of the Civil Litigation Committee
- Vice-Chair, Board of Directors of the St. Constantine School of Pittsburgh
- Member, Orthodox Christian Attorney Network, Founder's Circle Member
- Member, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Allegheny County Bar Association, currently serving on ACBA Bench-Bar Conference Committee
- American Bar Association, Young Lawyer Division Spring 2014 Conference, Member, Host Committee
- 8th Air Force Historical Society, Western Pennsylvania Wing, Member
- Member of the Board of Directors, Saint Constantine School of Pittsburgh

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®, General Litigation
- Wohlmuth Award for Outstanding Leadership, Jurist, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2009
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Neighborhood Legal Services, 2009
- Sutin Prize
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Young Lawyers Fellow