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**PRACTICE AREAS:**

[Litigation](#)

[Professional Liability](#)

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**STATE ADMISSIONS:**

New Jersey

Pennsylvania

**COURT ADMISSIONS:**

U.S. District Court for the District  
of New Jersey

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

**EDUCATION:**

J.D., Villanova University School of  
Law, 1988

B.A., University of Pennsylvania,  
1985

## Donald J. Brooks, Jr.

### MEMBER CHAIR, PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

Don Brooks is an experienced and successful civil litigator with 30 years of first chair jury trial experience in both state and federal courts. He is regularly asked to defend difficult liability situations in catastrophic injury and death claims.

Don's trial experience includes over 100 defense verdicts, with successful outcomes in medical, product liability, general liability, and institutional liability suits throughout the Philadelphia region.

The majority of Don's trials involve Pennsylvania medical malpractice suits in Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware and Chester counties. Successful outcomes include defense verdicts for clients in cases involving criticism of care in areas of medicine such as cardiology, cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery, orthopedic surgery, emergency medicine, critical care, infectious disease, general surgery, vascular medicine and surgery, anesthesia, obstetrics and gynecology, robotic surgery, trauma, radiology, oncology, radiation oncology, urology, neurology, neurosurgery, spine surgery, interventional procedures, GI medicine, internal medicine, and family medicine.

Litigation experience includes defense of cases involving all aspects of personal injury claims such as car, truck and small plane crash cases, prison health and injury cases including civil rights claims, construction cases, and medical device cases.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Bar Associations
- Pennsylvania Defense Institute

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Youth Soccer Coach
- Food Bank Volunteer

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected for inclusion as The Best Lawyers in America 2023 – 2026 for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Selected for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*

# NEWS AND INSIGHTS

## PUBLICATIONS

- ["How Percentage of Revenue Impacts Analysis of Challenges to Venue,"](#) Eckert Seamans' Professional Liability Update, December 2023.
- ["Superior Court Clarifies Required Processes and Procedures for Healthcare Institutions to Preserve Privilege for Investigations Pursuant to MCARE Act,"](#) co-author, Eckert Seamans' Professional Liability Update, September 2023.
- ["Changes to Pennsylvania's Medical Malpractice Venue Rule Will Have Sweeping Effects,"](#) Eckert Seamans' Professional Liability Update, September 2022.
- Contributing author to Eckert Seamans' *2021 Professional Liability Update*, March 2021.
- Contributing author to Eckert Seamans' *2019 Professional Liability Update*, January 2019.
- Contributing author to Eckert Seamans' *2018 Professional Liability Update*, January 2018.
- Contributing author to Eckert Seamans' *2017 Professional Liability Update*, January 2017.
- Contributing author to Eckert Seamans' *2016 Professional Liability Update*, January 2016.
- Contributing author to Eckert Seamans' *2015 Professional Liability Update*, January 2015.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Frequently invited speaker for multiple institutional clients on litigation and trial topics.
- Continuing Legal Education lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Pennsylvania Defense Institute, and Philadelphia Bar Association on matters including professional liability, trial practice, contribution, and release issues.