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PRACTICE AREAS:

[Appellate](#)

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STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

COURT ADMISSIONS:

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

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

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

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth
Circuit

EDUCATION:

J.D., Temple University Beasley
School of Law, 2009; Editor-in-
Chief, *Temple Journal of Science,
Technology & Environmental Law*

B.A., with distinction, The
Pennsylvania State University,
2006,

Casey A. Coyle

MEMBER

Casey Coyle is a litigator who concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation. He regularly represents businesses in disputes pending before the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and other state and federal trial courts. His representative matters include cases involving theft of trade secrets, non-competition/non-solicitation agreements, shareholder litigation, emergency injunctions, class actions, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duties. Super Lawyers has selected Casey for inclusion in its annual Pennsylvania and Delaware Super Lawyers publication in the category of *Rising Star – Business Litigation* – six years in a row.

Casey also has extensive experience in the area of appellate law. He has presented oral argument in appeals pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, and Pennsylvania Superior Court. He has also briefed appeals pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, and Pennsylvania Superior Court. Further, Casey has assisted multiple parties in obtaining discretionary review by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court – commonly referred to as “allocatur.” Before entering private practice, Casey served for over two years as a law clerk for the Honorable Thomas G. Saylor, then-Justice, now Chief Justice, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

In May of 2020, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court appointed Casey to a six-year term on the Civil Procedural Rules Committee. The Civil Procedural Rules Committee is a 14-member committee of lawyers and judges that assist the Supreme Court in the preparation, revisions, publication, and administration of the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. Casey is also a member of the Third Circuit Lawyers Advisory Committee, a 15-member committee comprised of lawyers from the private and public sectors across the Third Circuit. The Third Circuit Lawyers Advisory Committee serves as a liaison between the bench, bar, and the public, assists the Court in its efforts to improve the administration of justice, and makes recommendations to the Court on local rules and procedures.

Casey is an active member of the community. He has served as the Vice President of the Capital Area Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association, as well as the Vice President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association. He is one of the co-founders of the “Toast to the Four Diamonds,” a chocolate, beer, and wine tasting held in Hershey each year to benefit the Four Diamonds Fund, which

supports the fight against pediatric cancer. He also served for three years as the Sponsorship Chair for the Liberty Ball, an annual black-tie optional event held in Philadelphia to benefit the Four Diamonds Fund.

Casey is a graduate of the Temple University Beasley School of Law, the Pennsylvania State University (University Park, Pennsylvania), and Pennsbury High School (Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania). He is a native of Yardley, Pennsylvania. Casey, his wife, and their two daughters currently reside in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

TRIAL COURT AND ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS

- Served as lead associate for a leading global provider of access, specialized services, and forming and shoring solutions to the industrial, commercial, and infrastructure end markets in *Brand Energy & Infrastructure Servs., et al. v. Irex Corporation, et al.*, No. 5:16-CV-02499 (E.D. Pa.). Regarded as one of the leading cases nationally on the retroactive application of the federal Defend Trade Secrets Act.
- Served as co-counsel, and obtained a favorable result (equivalent to a total victory) on behalf of, the minority shareholders of a closely-held corporation in *Fayetteville Contractors, Inc., et al. v. Deardorff*, No. 2009-04018 (Franklin Cnty. Ct. Com. Pl.). Case involved competing claims of breach of fiduciary duty.
- Served in a significant role on a team of attorneys representing a third-party electricity supplier in three separate putative class actions — one of which was dismissed at the pleadings stage and successfully affirmed on appeal by the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit — involving allegations of unfair and deceptive trade practices in violation of customer protection statutes, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and breach of contract. *See, e.g., Orange v. Starion Energy PA, Inc.*, 711 Fed. Appx. 681 (3d Cir. 2017).
- Served as lead associate for, and obtained a favorable result (equivalent to a total victory) on behalf of, a company and its CEO in a case alleging that they breached a non-disclosure agreement, resulting in over \$4 million in damages. *Preferred Kitchen Equipment, Inc. v. Hessel*, 2:14-CV-04208 (E.D. Pa.).
- Served as lead associate for, and obtained a favorable result on behalf of, a 50-50 owner of a limited liability company in a shareholder dispute before the Centre County Court of Common Pleas and Tioga County Court of Common Pleas. Two companion cases involved the allegation that the other owner breached his fiduciary duties to the company, resulting in over \$38 million in damages. *Shaner, et al. v. Hendrick, et al.*, No. 2013-4525 (Centre Cnty. Ct. Com. Pl.); *Hendrick, et al. v. Shaner, et al.*, No. 974-CV-2013 (Tioga Cnty. Ct. Com. Pl.).
- Served as lead associate for, and obtained a favorable result on behalf of, another law firm in a case before the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Commerce Program, and JAMS concerning the firm's efforts to collect nearly \$2 million in outstanding legal fees. *RatnerPrestia v. BioTelemetry, Inc., et al.*, No. 000287, May Term 2014 (Phila. Cnty. Ct. Com. Pl.,

Commerce Program).

- Served as lead associate for, and obtained a favorable result on behalf of, a company in a case before the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, Commerce Program, involving the allegation that another company breached a contract between the two parties, resulting in over \$650,000 in damages. *Phoenix Lithographing Corp. v. ICS Corp.*, No. 140901028, September Term 2014 (Phila. Cnty. Com. Pl., Commerce Program).

APPEALS

- Served as lead associate for the appellants in *Johnson v. Lansdale Borough, et al.*, 146 A.3d 696 (Pa. 2016), which resulted in a unanimous decision in favor of our clients. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court adopted our position and held that the Commonwealth Court committed a reversible error by holding that a common pleas court's standard of review is *de novo*, where it takes no additional evidence and limits itself to the record before a civil service commission. As part of that appeal, successfully assisted the appellants in obtaining discretionary review by the Supreme Court.
- Represent an *amicus curiae* in *Rice v. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, et al.*, No. 3 WAP 2020, which is pending before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and involves the statute of limitations in the context of a clergy abuse case. As part of that appeal, successfully assisted the appellants in obtaining discretionary review by the Supreme Court.
- Served on a team of attorneys representing one of several manufacturers in *Walsh v. BASF Corporation, et al.*, ___ A.3d ___, 2020 WL 4135151 (Pa. 2020), which concerned the role of a trial court in evaluating scientific evidence under the *Frye* As part of that appeal, successfully assisted the manufacturers in obtaining discretionary review by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.
- Representing *amici curiae* in *Mortimer v. McCool, et al.*, Nos. 37 MAP 2020 & 38 MAP 2020, which is pending before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and concerns whether to adopt the "enterprise theory" or "single entity" theory of corporate veil piercing.
- Serving on a team of attorneys representing a public utility in *Philadelphia Gas Works v. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, et al.*, No. 14 EAP 2020, which is pending before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and concerns whether the utility is permitted to continue to charge late payment fees after it files a lien for the unpaid gas bills on the service property.
- Representing an *amicus curiae* in *Gregg v. Ameriprise Financial, Inc., et al.*, No. 490 WAL 2018, which is pending before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and involves whether the so-called "catchall provision" of Pennsylvania's Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law imposes strict liability in a private cause of action instituted under the statute.
- Serving as lead counsel for a municipality in *The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Lewistown v. The Borough of Lewistown*, No. 43 CD 2020, which is pending before the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court and involves how, and the extent to which, a municipality may restrict the powers of a municipal authority it

incorporates. As part of that appeal, successfully reinstated a *supersedeas* of the order in question pending the outcome of the appeal.

- Served as lead associate for, and filed an amicus brief on behalf of, various local government associations in *Zauflik v. Pennsbury Sch. Dist.*, 104 A. 3d 1096 (Pa. 2014), which upheld the constitutionality of the statutory cap on damages recoverable against a local government under the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act.
- Served as lead associate for, and presented oral argument on behalf of, Cingular Wireless in *Rachells v. Cingular Wireless Employee Servs., LLC*, 732 F.3d 652 (6th Cir. 2013), which involved the allegation that the company unlawfully discriminated against a former employee in a reduction-in-force scenario.
- Served as lead associate for, and obtained a favorable ruling on behalf of, a real estate developer in *Batchelder, et al. v. Phila. Zoning Bd. of Adjustment, et al.*, No. 945 CD 2014 (Pa. Commw. Ct. June 5, 2015), which concerned whether the so-called “merger doctrine” applies to adjoining, non-conforming lots situated within the City of Philadelphia.
- Served as lead associate for, and obtained a favorable ruling on behalf of, a school district in *McClintock v. Coatesville Area Sch. Dist.*, 74 A.3d 378 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2013), which reversed a prior panel ruling and held that an agency does not waive its ability to assert any exemptions to nondisclosure on appeal to the Office of Open Records by failing to respond to a Right-to-Know request within the statutorily-allotted time.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Rules Committee
- Member, Third Circuit Lawyers Advisory Committee (2019 – present)
- Secretary, Federal Bar Association, Middle District of Pennsylvania Chapter (2019 – present)
- Newsletter Co-Editor, Federal Bar Association, Middle District of Pennsylvania Chapter (2019 – present)
- Member, Temple American Inn of Courts (2014-2016)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Federal Bar Association, Middle District of Pennsylvania Chapter (2018 – present)
- Student Mentor, Penn State Law (2018 – present)
- Vice President, Philadelphia Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association (2015 – 2017)
- Sponsorship Chair, The Liberty Ball: A Knight For The Kids (2014 – 2017)
- Vice President, Capital Area Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association (2012 – 2014)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers – Rising Star* (2015-2020)

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS

- “Federal DTSA: New Weapon in the Battle to Protect Trade Secrets,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, May 2016.
- Eckert Seamans’ 2016 Professional Liability Update, contributing author, January 2016.
- “[Court Limits Ability to Allege FCA Violations Over Post-Employment Conduct](#)”, *The Legal Intelligencer*, June 2015.
- Eckert Seamans’ 2015 Professional Liability Update, contributing author, January 2015.
- “Pa. High Court Tort Ruling Is Relief To Local Gov’t,” *Law360*, November 24, 2014.
- “[Products Liability Practitioners Anxiously Await Tincher Ruling](#)”, *The Legal Intelligencer*, November 2014.
- “CWA Ruling Could Be National Victory for Municipalities,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, September 2013.
- “Stopping an Invisible Epidemic: Legal Issues in the Provision of Naloxone to Prevent Opiate Overdose,” *1 Drexel L. Rev* 273 (2008).
- “Gonzales v. Carhart: Justice Kennedy at the Intersection of Life Interests, Medical Practice and Government Regulations,” *27 Temp. J. Sci. Tech. & Envtl. L.* 291 (2008).

MEDIA COVERAGE

- “Slew of church abuse lawsuits hinges on state court decision.” *New York Times*, August 14, 2020.
- “[Pa. Justices Will Hear Suit Alleging Cancer-Pesticide Link](#),” *Law360*, March 6, 2019.
- “Possible pollution solutions for Lower Bucks County,” *Bucks County Courier Times*, May 10, 2017.
- “Somerset County native Saylor to take over as Pa.’s new chief justice,” *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, December 30, 2014.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Proportionality: One Year Later, A Review of the Practical Implications of the Amendments to the Discovery Rules,” panel presenter for the annual meeting of the Federal Bar Association, Middle District Chapter, November 2016.
- “What You Will Not Learn from the Rules of Appellate Procedure,” *York County Bar Association*, March 2013; *Lancaster County Bar Association*, April 2013.