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PRACTICE AREAS:

[Appellate](#)

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STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

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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

ASSOCIATE

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, the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, Commerce Program, 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* – four 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 Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and every appellate court in Pennsylvania. Among his representative matters, Casey served as the lead associate for the appellants in *Johnson v. Lansdale Borough, et al.*, 146 A.3d 696 (Pa. 2016), a case in which the Pennsylvania Supreme Court unanimously reversed a 8-1 decision by the intermediate appellate court and entered an order in favor of the firm's clients. 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 addition, Casey is 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 that 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

- Represented, and obtained a favorable result on behalf of, 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.). Case involved the allegation that the defendants' engaged in an unlawful scheme, whereby they orchestrated a massive lift-out of our client's employees, stole our client's confidential and trade-secret business information, used that stolen business information to steal targeted customers of our client, and in the process, caused tens of millions of dollars in damages to our client. Regarded as one of the leading cases nationally on the retroactive application of the federal Defend Trade Secrets Act.
- Represented, 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. Specifically, the majority shareholders alleged that the minority shareholders breached their fiduciary duties by engaging in a purported scheme to devalue the company and force a sale to a third party, while the minority shareholders alleged that the majority shareholders breached their fiduciary duties by terminating their employment and then freezing them out and depriving them from any meaningful role in the company.
- Represented 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).
- Represented, 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.).

- Represented, 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.).
- Represented, 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).
- Represented, 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

- Represented the appellants in *Johnson v. Lansdale Borough, et al.*, 146 A.3d 696 (Pa. 2016), which resulted in a unanimous 6-0 decision in favor of our clients in an appeal before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The 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. In doing so, the Supreme Court overturned an 8-1 decision by the Commonwealth Court against our clients.
- Represented, 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.
- Represented, 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.
- Represented, 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.
- Represented, 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.

- Represented, and filed an amicus brief on behalf of, various national organizations and several state agencies, associations, and organizations in the U.S. Supreme Court in an appeal involving whether claim and/or issue preclusion principles barred the respondents from re-litigating their federal takings claim in a second proceeding in federal court following a state court adjudication of the same claims. *Montgomery Cnty. Redevelopment Auth., et al. v. R & J Holding Co., et al.*, No. 11-1234 (U.S. Supreme Ct.).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Third Circuit Lawyers Advisory Committee (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* (2015-2018)

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS

- ["Court Limits Ability to Allege FCA Violations Over Post-Employment Conduct"](#), *The Legal Intelligencer*, June 2015.
- ["Products Liability Practitioners Anxiously Await Tinchler Ruling"](#), *The Legal Intelligencer*, November 2014.
- "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.

- *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.
- "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

- "[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.