

PRACTICE AREAS:

[Mass Tort Litigation](#)

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[Artificial Intelligence, Robotics,
and Autonomous Transportation
Systems](#)

STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

COURT ADMISSIONS:

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

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

EDUCATION:

J.D., cum laude, Rutgers
University School of Law –
Camden, 2013

B.A., City University of New York
Queens College, 2009



Eli Granek

ASSOCIATE

Eli is a civil litigator who works closely with clients to help them accomplish their immediate and long-term business and litigation goals. He has counseled and defended companies in a range of industries, including consumer products, energy, construction, finance, insurance, and real estate, and has handled cases in every stage of litigation—from pre-suit negotiations through trial—as well as on appeal.

As a member of the firm's Mass-Tort Litigation Group, Eli brings his deep understanding of science, medicine, and industry regulations to help clients limit their litigation risk. He supplements this background by constantly working to stay up-to-date on new developments and challenges in clients' industries. Eli has experience handling every phase of mass-tort claims, and has defended product manufacturers, raw material suppliers, contractors, employers, and property owners in complex exposure cases involving the alleged use, or presence of, asbestos, benzene, and talc.

Eli also has experience representing developers, general contractors, and subcontractors in litigation arising from defective work as well as catastrophic worksite injuries and fatalities. He has successfully defended against tort and breach-of-contract claims, designed and executed strategies to enforce indemnification and additional-insured contract provisions, and handled related insurance-coverage disputes. Eli has also helped clients revise their contracts and practices to reduce potential future liability and risk.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Obtained a dismissal of product-liability claims against a consumer-products manufacturer for a lack of personal jurisdiction. The client was one of several defendants named in a lawsuit filed in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in which the plaintiff sought damages for cancer he allegedly developed as a result of working with products the plaintiff contended the defendants manufactured or sold. The Court permitted the plaintiff to take jurisdictional discovery, but after a hearing, the Court dismissed the claims against the firm's client.
- Favorably resolved litigation involving the enforceability of a non-compete provision on behalf of a manufacturing company. The lawsuit, brought by a company with which the client formerly had contracted to serve as a sales

representative, was complicated by the need to protect the client's trade secrets and market share. A resolution was reached within months that protected these interests and minimized the cost and risk of continued litigation.

- Served as trial counsel on behalf of a former power plant owner in a trial involving long-tail toxic-tort claims brought by a former employee. As one of the first trials in the country involving a former employee's tort claim for latent disease against a former employer, the trial required addressing numerous issues of first impression.
- Defended a general contractor and its principal in a lawsuit brought by a laborer who died after falling from a height during construction. The case was complicated by several factors, including the laborer's catastrophic injuries, a lack of sufficient insurance coverage, and the plaintiff's efforts to collect damages from the principal directly. After pursuing third-party claims against subcontractors and working with the plaintiff's counsel to identify alternative sources from which the plaintiff might recover, the case settled without the general contractor or its principal contributing to the settlement.
- Represented a regional transportation company in an appeal challenging an adverse quarter-million-dollar jury award. The Commonwealth Court agreed the case should have been dismissed before being submitted to the jury and ordered the award be vacated, and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania denied the petition for allocatur.
- Represented a regional transportation company defending against a class of personal-injury claims. The plaintiffs attempted to introduce evidence of atypically expensive medical costs, increasing their alleged damages tenfold. After researching the medical-billing industry's best practices and aggressively pursuing discovery from the plaintiffs' experts, Eli convinced the court that the plaintiffs could be entitled to no more than twenty-five percent of their alleged medical costs. The pending claims subsequently settled for a favorable sum, and the client has not seen claims involving similar tactics since.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers – Rising Stars*

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS

- ["An Update on Personal Jurisdiction"](#), co-author, *Thompson Reuters Westlaw*, August 2017.
- ["Third Circuit Rules Maritime Negligence Claims May Survive 'Bare Metal' Defense."](#) co-author, *Westlaw Journal Asbestos*, February 2018.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Personal jurisdiction issues and defending employers against product-liability claims," co-presenter, Allianz Resolution Management US, September 2017.
- "Personal Jurisdiction Update," co-presenter, Resolute Management, Inc., July 2017.
- "Update on Pennsylvania Product-Liability Law," co-presented to Resolute Management, Inc., April 2017.
- "Talc and Ovarian Cancer Litigation Overview," Perrin Conferences Live CLE Webinar, January 2017.
- "Practical Insights into Premises Liability Cases," Dispute Resolution Institute Personal Injury Practicum, November 2016.
- "Understanding, Defending Against, and Valuing Cosmetic-Talc Claims," in-house presentation to Resolute Management, Inc., March 2016.