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ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
1986

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1987

EDUCATION

Villanova University School of Law
(J.D., 1986)

University of Pennsylvania (B.A.,
1981)

HONORS & AWARDS

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OVERVIEW

Howard Dwoskin is Chairman of the Board of Directors and a member of the Executive Committee at Marshall Dennehey. In this capacity, he is involved in the governance and day-to-day operations of the Am Law 200 firm.

Howard joined Marshall Dennehey in 1987 as an associate and dedicated his career to the firm. For the past nine years he led the Casualty Department, its largest legal department, where he oversaw 250+ attorneys and managed workflow, attorney productivity, human relations, client relations and marketing. He continues to assist in department activities, including talent acquisition and recruitment initiatives.

In addition to his leadership roles at the firm, Howard chairs the General Liability Practice Group where he plays a more substantive role in the handling of case files. An experienced litigator, he has defended hundreds of premises and retail liability claims, as well as complex, high exposure matters on behalf of insurance companies and self-insureds.

Throughout his career, Howard has been a frequent lecturer on the topics of "The Art of Negotiation," "Pennsylvania Premises Liability Laws" and "The Pennsylvania Retail Theft Act." He is the co-chair and course planner for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's premises liability seminar "How to Win the Fall Down Case."

After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Howard worked for General Electric for two years before enrolling in Villanova University School of Law where he graduated with a *juris doctor* in 1986.

Howard is a big supporter of the arts. He, along with his wife and two daughters, volunteer in community theatre programs for adults and children.

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

Defense Research Institute

Disciplinary Board of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Committee Member

Pennsylvania Association of Defense Counsel, Executive Committee Member

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Pennsylvania Defense Institute

Philadelphia Bar Association

YEAR JOINED

1987

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Marshall Dennehey Wins First Place at the 2024 Philadelphia Business Journal Best Places to Work Awards

July 26, 2024

Marshall Dennehey was named the first place winner in the extra-large company category at the Philadelphia Business Journal's Best Places to Work Awards, held July 25 at Rivers Casino in Philadelphia.

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An Even Dozen: Marshall Dennehey Named One of the Philadelphia Region's "Best Places to Work" for 12th Consecutive Year

May 30, 2024

For the 12th year in a row, Marshall Dennehey has been selected one of the Philadelphia region's "Best Places to Work" by the Philadelphia Business Journal. The award recognizes the company's achievements in creating a positive work environment.

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Marshall Dennehey Named to BTI Consulting's Client Service A-Team 2024

April 10, 2024

Marshall Dennehey was recognized as a leader in client service in BTI Consulting's Client Service A-Team 2024 report, ranking in the top 20% of all law firms as evaluated by corporate counsel.

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Marshall Dennehey Announces Casualty Department Leadership Succession

December 12, 2023

Matthew S. Schorr and Jeffrey G. Rapattoni to lead firm's largest practice department

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Message From the Executive Committee

December 1, 2023

A few weeks ago, I was walking down the hallway of our Philadelphia office when I overheard one of our administrative assistants say to another employee, "I can't believe it is almost Thanksgiving, and Christmas is just around the corner." I smirk. *Defense Digest*, Vol. 29, No.

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Frequent Lecturer on *The Art of Negotiation*, *Pennsylvania Premises Liability Laws* and *The Pennsylvania Retail Theft Act*

Chair and course planner, Mealey's LexisNexis's annual national Retail and Hospitality Law seminar

Chair and course planner Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Premises Liability Seminars

PUBLISHED WORKS

"A Merchant's Guide to Enforcing Pennsylvania's Retail Theft Act," *The Pennsylvania Retailer*

"Pleadings Really Count in Premises Liability," *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*

"Appraising Loss Under Homeowners Insurance Policies," *For the Defense*

"The Superior Court of Pennsylvania Finally Rules on the Necessity of Disclosing Surveillance Videotapes Prior to Trial," *Defense Digest*

"No Blind Man's Bluff; Disabled Store Employee Open & Obvious," *Defense Digest*

"Trivial/DeMinimus Defects Clarified," *Defense Digest*

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Ferdinand v. Save-A-Lot/SuperValu, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 30683 (E.D. Pa. April. 14, 2008). Plaintiff sued Save-A-Lot alleging wrongful detainment for shoplifting. Although the facts bore out that the plaintiff had properly paid for her purchases, the court, nevertheless, granted summary judgment for the defense pursuant to the Pennsylvania Retail Theft Act.

Doylestown Electric Supply Company v. Maryland Cas. Ins. Co., 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS, 20599 (E.D. Pa. Dec. 31, 1996). Plaintiff sustained water damage in home due to heavy rains filling drainage system. Court found for defendant stating that, because the damage was caused by both water that backed up from a sewage drain and surface water, the surface water exclusion in the policy allowed insurer to properly deny coverage.

Plaintiff claimed to have tripped and fallen over a bare end cap in a major retail department store. Jury found for the defendant on the basis that the plaintiff failed to prove that the store was negligent.

Plaintiff alleged personal injuries arising out of a dog attack in a public park. Court granted compulsory nonsuit for the defendant under prevailing Pennsylvania statutes and case law.

Intersectional collision between plaintiff's vehicle and defendant's tractor trailer. Jury trial in favor of defendant with no appeal.

Plaintiff fell down residential staircase and suffered brain damage injury. There was a controversy as to plaintiff's mental capacity at time of fall. Due to complexity of case, it was referred to ADR where defense verdict was awarded.

Raimo v. Waddy, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20499 (E.D.Pa. Oct. 8, 2004).

Booth v. Black & Decker, Inc., 166 F. Supp. 2d 215 (E.D. Pa. 2001)

Christian v. United States, 1999 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17381 (E.D. Pa. Nov. 8, 1999)

Fanning v. Black & Decker, Inc., 1999 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3407 (E.D. Pa. March 18, 1999)

Duffy v. Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co., 1993 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16197 (E.D. Pa. Nov. 10, 1993)

Kimmel v. Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co., 1992 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 329 (E.D. Pa. Jan 14, 1992)

Pilong v. Rome, 555 Pa. 559 (1999)