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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Workers' Compensation

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ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
1996

EDUCATION

Widener University School of Law
(J.D., 1996)

Washington & Jefferson College
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ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Dauphin County Bar Association

Harrisburg Claims Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

OVERVIEW

Kacey is the Assistant Director of the Workers' Compensation Department, where he assists in the oversight of 35 attorneys in 10 offices. He also serves as the managing attorney of the Workers' Compensation Department in the Harrisburg office.

In addition to his various management responsibilities, Kacey focuses his practice on high-exposure and complex workers' compensation litigation, representing clients in the construction, oil and gas, grocery, hospitality, landscaping, transportation and poultry industries. Kacey also consults with workers' compensation carriers to provide advice and guidance on pre-litigated workers' compensation cases. He is also a frequent presenter on topics relating to workers' compensation for carriers and employers.

A graduate of Washington & Jefferson College, Kacey received a B.A. in Political Science and Business Administration. He subsequently received his *juris doctor* from Widener University School of Law.

YEAR JOINED

1997

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Where are We Now: How the Lorino and Neves Decisions Have Impacted the Defense of Workers' Compensation Cases, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) Seminar, October 5, 2023

The Impact of COVID-19 on Workers' Compensation in Pennsylvania, Controlling Workers' Compensation Costs webinar, March 18, 2021

Understanding the Debate with the ADA, FMLA and Workers' Compensation, Marshall Dennehey webinar, October 27, 2020

Tackling the Opioid Crisis: How Much Is Too Much?, Marshall Dennehey Workers' Compensation Seminar, October 24, 2019

Uninsured Employers Guaranty Fund, Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Tough Problems in Workers' Compensation Seminar, April 18, 2019

Coverage Issues, Marshall Dennehey Workers' Compensation Seminar, October 18, 2018

In a Pickle: The Implications of Protz, Marshall Dennehey Workers' Compensation Seminar, October 19, 2017

How Employers, Insurers and Self-Insurers Can Save Money, SEAK National Workers' Compensation and Occupational Medicine Conference, July 20, 2017

Best Practices to Avoid Common Workers' Compensation Mistakes, Lorman Education Services webinar, June 29, 2017

Overview of Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation, client seminar, June 16, 2017

Return to Work Strategies, client seminar, May 4, 2017

Workers' Compensation Jurisdictional Issues with Pennsylvania and New Jersey, client seminar, November 14, 2016

Understanding Medical Records, Marshall Dennehey Workers' Compensation Seminar, October 19, 2016

Back on the Job! Returning Injured Workers To Gainful Employment, Human Resource Professionals of Central Pennsylvania Fall Conference, October 27, 2015

An Overview of Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation, Nationwide Insurance Company, July 2015

Top Mistakes in Workers' Compensation, Susquehanna Human Resource Management Association, January 20, 2015

From Kachinski to Phoenixville Hospital: Proving Earning Capacity in the Modern Era, Marshall Dennehey Workers' Compensation Seminar, November 6, 2014

IMEs: How They Really Work, Roadmap to Success - Understanding Workers' Compensation, Marshall Dennehey seminar, October 24, 2013

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Did the Commonwealth Court Decide the Retroactive Effect of 'Protz'?" *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*, October 12, 2017

RESULTS

More Than \$30,000 Recovered for Employer in Workers' Compensation Case

Workers' Compensation

September 25, 2023

We prevailed on termination, suspension and review petitions, where the workers' compensation judge found that the claimant was fully recovered as of the date of our medical expert's examination. The judge found our witnesses more credible than the claimant's and denied the claimant's review petition to expand the accepted injury. We successfully recovered \$33,508 from the Supersedeas Fund for our client.

Successfully Prosecuted Termination Petition on Behalf of a Multinational Manufacturing Corporation.

Workers' Compensation

March 15, 2023

We presented medical evidence, including a record review of all diagnostic study films and medical records from a Board-certified physiatrist, to establish that the claimant's physiological complaints were unrelated to a work injury. The judge accepted our evidence as fully competent, persuasive and credible, and, as a result, terminated the claimant's benefits.

Successful defense of claim petition in case involving forklift accident.

Workers' Compensation

November 10, 2022

The claimant was hit by a forklift while operating a forklift, and alleged the accident caused a back injury. Through employer witness testimony and medical testimony, we showed that the claimant did not sustain a back injury, and that her medical issues were pre-existing and unrelated to the accident. The judge found that the evidentiary evidence presented by the employer established that, even though the claimant was involved in a forklift incident, the claimant did not sustain a work injury, and her ongoing medical issues are unrelated to the forklift accident.

Defense prevails in high-exposure workers' comp case.

Workers' Compensation

April 22, 2022

We prevailed on a lengthy case on behalf of a trash collection company. The case involved testimony from seven employer witnesses, in addition to medical expert testimony. We successfully defended all petitions pertaining to the claim, including review and penalty petitions. This high-exposure case—the claimant had an average weekly wage of \$2,846 with a maximum compensation rate—was the result of the claimant being terminated for failure to timely report a work-related injury as per company policy.

Favorable decision from Workers' Compensation Appeal Board.

Workers' Compensation

May 7, 2021

We obtained a favorable decision from the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, reversing the underlying judge's decision pertaining to a school district's entitlement to a credit for wages paid to a school teacher pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement. The Board granted credits for wages received by the injured worker through the school district's collective bargaining agreement, allowing offsets against the claimant's future entitlement to wage loss benefits.