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OVERVIEW

Mark Paladino has a wide-ranging practice that focuses on first-party and third-party insurance coverage and appeals. His extensive experience investigating and litigating high-exposure personal injury matters and contractual disputes provides him with a unique and informed perspective on insurance coverage and appellate issues.

Mark's practice has included litigating catastrophic injury and wrongful death actions in various areas of tort liability, including motor vehicle liability, premises liability, and professional liability. He has also defended a variety of complex matters, including life, health and disability insurance, coverage claims, bad faith and extracontractual damages claims. Additionally, Mark has a background in appellate practice and has considerable experience in briefing many multifaceted and developing legal principles. The scope of his practice has allowed Mark to develop an expansive knowledge on an array of critical insurance issues and has afforded him the opportunity to draft and construe sophisticated contractual provisions.

Mark believes that thoughtful and meticulous investigation is critical to properly assessing a claim and its underlying issues. Due to the breadth of his legal acumen, Mark is frequently called out to active accident scenes or post-loss investigations, during which he regularly interfaces with governmental investigatory agencies and works to identify and preserve crucial evidence. This type of proactive approach maximizes the ability to analyze a claim and any attendant issues, whether they relate to a potential coverage determination or a request for defense in a tort or contract action.

PRACTICES

First-Party Property

Litigation

Healthcare

Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith

Life, Health, Disability and ERISA

Appellate

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

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 Court of New Jersey

EDUCATION

Temple University Beasley School of Law,
cum laude, 2009

University of Pennsylvania, *cum laude*, BA,
2006

Prior to starting at White and Williams, Mark served as a judicial intern in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas for the Honorable Matthew D. Carrafiello. In law school, Mark was a Beasley Scholar and recipient of the Jack M. Golden and Frieda Golden Prize for superior legal writing in the area of healthcare and health administration. He was also a member of the Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review and Secretary of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Mark is a Co-Chair of the firm's Associate Development Committee and Chair of the firm's Associate Recruitment Committee. He is an active volunteer for the Philadelphia Homeless Advocacy Project, working to assist those in need of pro bono legal services that can include handling social security disability hearings, obtaining valid identification documents, and assisting in securing housing.

Since 2015, Mark has been selected in a survey of his peers as a Pennsylvania "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers. He is a frequent presenter at the firm's annual Coverage College and has also presented to companies regarding the importance of and strategies for proper and effective critical incident investigation.

Mark has previously served as manager of the firm's softball team, and currently serves as manager of a local children's travel softball team. He is an avid proponent of autism awareness and regularly participates in the annual Eagles Autism Challenge along with various other members of the firm.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

White and Williams Delivers Trial Victory for Horizon Healthcare Services, Inc.
6.5.19

White and Williams Secures Reversal of Critical Ruling Involving Confidential and Proprietary Business Information
7.7.16

Secured a dismissal, on appeal, on behalf of Horizon Healthcare Services, Inc. against claims that its Omnia healthcare plan violated the New Jersey state Healthcare Quality Act and that the state's opioid crises required the court to create a private right of action

Worked as part of a trial and appellate team in obtaining judgment notwithstanding the verdict for an electric utility in a published opinion by the Superior Court of Pennsylvania that represents the latest binding precedent in the area of Pennsylvania's independent contractor defense

Secured a complete indemnity for a utility company from a contractor for a wrongful death claim involving a tree that struck utility lines

Conducted a critical incident investigation and defended a waste collection company in a wrongful death action involving a pedestrian strike, resulting in a favorable resolution.

Represented a funeral home in a case alleging severe emotional damages and worked to secure a favorable resolution after the commencement of trial

Secured a dismissal, on appeal, on behalf of Horizon Healthcare Services, Inc. against claims that its Omnia healthcare plan violated the New Jersey state Healthcare Quality Act and that the state's opioid crises required the court to create a private right of action

Awarded summary judgment on breach of contract and bad faith claims in context of a disability insurance dispute, and successfully secured that dismissal on appeal at the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Represented a utility company in a catastrophic injury action involving contact with transmission lines and worked to secure a favorable resolution

Secured a complete indemnity for an energy-from-waste company from a contractor for a premises liability claim arising from catastrophic injury at an industrial transfer station

Represented a power plant in a case alleging asbestos exposure to a lifetime employee and worked to secure a favorable resolution

Worked as part of a trial and appellate team in obtaining judgment notwithstanding the verdict for an electric utility in a published opinion by the Superior Court of Pennsylvania that represents the latest binding precedent in the area of Pennsylvania's independent contractor defense

Secured a complete indemnity for a utility company from a contractor for a wrongful death claim involving a tree that struck utility lines

Conducted a critical incident investigation and defended a waste collection company in a wrongful death action involving a pedestrian strike, resulting in a favorable resolution

Represented a funeral home in a case alleging severe emotional damages and worked to secure a favorable resolution after the commencement of trial

Obtained a fully favorable award for a utility company at binding arbitration in a wrongful death case involving a tree fall

Worked as part of a trial team that brokered settlement of a catastrophic injury action and successfully tried an indemnity action arising from same, resulting in complete recovery of a substantial settlement fund and all attorneys' fees

Conducted a critical incident investigation and defended a waste collection company in a wrongful death action involving a bicyclist strike, resulting in a favorable resolution.

Obtained a voluntary dismissal for a utility company from a catastrophic injury claim involving a capsized bucket truck

Awarded partial summary judgment in a catastrophic motor vehicle accident case, resulting in a favorable resolution of the sole remaining claim

Obtained dismissal of a claim by a chiropractic association against Horizon Healthcare Services, Inc. at the trial level by way of a 12(b)(6) Motion, and secured that dismissal on appeal at the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division

Argued and obtained summary judgment in a private disability insurance case involving an insured who contested a finding of a legal disability

Litigated a unique claim pertaining to declined issuance of a life insurance policy and obtained a favorable resolution

Defended a civil rights action brought by an individual who was detained by police following a series of events involving a wellness check on an elderly customer of a utility company and obtained dismissal by way of summary judgment

Secured indemnity for a client in a wrongful death action involving a helicopter crash and defended the case to resolution

Defended a civil rights action involving the alleged wrongful expulsion of a high school student and defended the case to resolution

Secured indemnity for a utility company in an action involving an electrical contact from a downed line and defended the case to resolution

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IN THE NEWS

Congratulations 2024 DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
6.6.24

Congratulations to all of our 2023 Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
5.25.23

Congratulations 2022 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
7.13.22

White and Williams Announces 15 Lawyer Promotions
1.3.22

White and Williams Lawyers Recognized as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
11.1.21

PUBLICATIONS

Pennsylvania Civil Pre-Trial Practice, 2025
Chapter 4, Responsive Pleadings: Preliminary Objections, Answers, and Counterclaims
Pennsylvania Civil Pre-Trial Practice, 2025 Edition

Consent to General Jurisdiction by Registration Affirmed ... But Only In Pennsylvania, and Perhaps Not For Long
Client Alert, 6.28.23

Pennsylvania Court Ominously Lowers the Bar for Asserting Actionable Punitive Damages Claims
Litigation Alert, 8.6.21

Are Industry Standards Beside the Point Where Strict Liability is Claimed?
Product Liability Alert, 5.18.21