

# Michael C. Hamilton

Partner



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Michael handles the corporate defense of hospitals, physicians, psychiatrists, healthcare workers, and medical transportation companies in medical malpractice matters throughout Pennsylvania. With more than 20 years of litigation experience, Michael has routinely delivered favorable results to his clients involving alleged negligence, professional liability, constitutional violations, and more.

Michael manages cases through all phases of litigation from inception of a claim through trial. He has successfully argued before the Appellate and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania.

Additionally, Michael's experience includes representing employers in labor and employment litigation including discrimination claims. Michael provides employers with counseling and guidance for pre-litigation matters involving employees, employee discipline and termination, and employee handbooks. He also handled cases involving civil rights, commercial law, and general liability.

In his practice, Michael has significant experience defending manufacturers, suppliers, and contractors in product liability and toxic tort actions, including cases involving the manufacture of component parts for the nuclear power industry. He is also well versed in handling cases involving manufacturers of tungsten carbide products, electricity-generating windmills, high velocity grinding wheels, and hydro-thermic HVAC systems.

Michael is a 2018 graduate of the International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy.

## Experience

- ***Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.***

## Assistant

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## Industries

Healthcare  
Public Entities

## Practices

Medical Malpractice  
Civil Rights and Municipal Liability  
Environmental  
Litigation

## Education

Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., 2001  
Pennsylvania State University, B.S., 1998

## Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

## Court Admissions

United States District Court for the  
Western District of Pennsylvania  
United States District Court for the Middle  
District of Pennsylvania  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

- Secured a defense verdict as the solo first chair attorney for a general surgery physician in a case in which the plaintiff alleged the unnecessary revision of a previously removed appendix. The jury unanimously found for our client and against the plaintiff.
- Secured summary judgment for two physicians and a physician's practice group in a wrongful death, medical malpractice case by presenting an argument that physician's actions, while allegedly below the standard of care, were outside of the factual chain of causation. Summary Judgment was granted despite the presence of expert reports against the clients.
- Secured Summary Judgment for a regional healthcare provider on a claim for direct corporate negligence which significantly reduced the ultimate settlement.
- Secured Summary Judgment for a county-created healthcare provider on a claim for medical malpractice by the successful implementation of the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act.
- Secured Summary Judgment for a national supplier of correctional medical services on a claim of constitutional violations alleging deliberate indifference to a serious medical need.
- Successfully briefed and argued a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment which so limited the plaintiff's ability to present evidence that the case was dismissed with prejudice by the plaintiff.

## **Professional & Community Involvement**

- Penn State Alumni Association, Beaver Valley Chapter, Past President
- Beaver Area Band Parents Organization, Vice President