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With extensive experience representing corporations, insurers and healthcare providers, PJ Stapleton concentrates his practice on alcohol beverage law, commercial litigation, professional liability litigation, and general liability.

PJ began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia. He served as a member of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board for 14 years. In January 2007, Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell appointed PJ as Board Chairman, a position he held for over four years. PJ is a past Chairman of the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association and was a member of the National Advisory Board of The Century Council which is a distilled spirits industry group committed to fighting drunk driving and underage drinking. PJ also serves as an expert consultant and witness in cases involving adult beverage licensing issues on applications of state and federal statutes.

In 2011, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts named PJ its Jefferson Award Honoree.

Experience

- ***Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.***
- Successfully represented various contractors and property managers in state and federal court.
- Represented an internationally regarded restaurateur with regard to new innovations in the industry.
- Represented various suppliers regarding recent changes to the Pennsylvania Liquor Code that provides new entrepreneurial opportunities.

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Industries

Food, Beverage & Hospitality
Healthcare
Construction

Practices

Commercial Litigation
General Liability
Product Liability
Professional Liability
Medical Malpractice
Litigation

Education

Tulane University Law School, J.D., 1982
University of Notre Dame, B.A., 1978

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

United States District Court for the
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
United States District Court for the Middle
District of Pennsylvania
United States District Court of Appeals for
the Third Circuit

Professional & Community Involvement

- Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association, Philadelphia Chapter