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Jeff Strittmatter defends and prosecutes matters for national and regional insurance carriers, self-insured employers, and third-party administrators. He represents manufacturers, national shipping and logistics companies, and regional commercial transportation carriers in workers' compensation matters in Pennsylvania.

His broad corporate client base has lent him practice experience in a variety of matters for steel manufacturers, powdered metal producers and sintering companies, oil and gas delivery concerns, HVAC, roofing, and landscaping contractors and retailers. Jeff's experience also includes the protection of workers' compensation subrogation claims for recovery against third-party cases brought by injured workers.

Jeff has achieved a distinguished rating from Martindale-Hubbell. This is given to attorneys who have experience and are widely respected by their peers for their professional achievement and ethical standards.

Selected Cases

- *United Parcel Service and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company v. Mark Hohider*, 2008 PA Super 148, 954 A.2d 13, Filed July 7, 2008.

Experience

- ***Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.***
- Secured a favorable claim petition decision on behalf of a specialty steel manufacturer denying an alleged low back injury and avoiding an estimated past wage loss exposure of \$50,000.00 plus associated past and future medical treatment expenses. In doing so, extensive employer testimony was

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Industries

Manufacturing
Food, Beverage & Hospitality
Retail
Construction
Transportation
Healthcare

Practices

Workers' Compensation

Education

Duquesne University School of Law, J.D.,
1995

University of Rochester, B.S., 1990

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

offered regarding the claimant's work environment, as well as testimony from the employer offering rebuttal to the claimant's purported mechanism of injury. Our aggressive discovery efforts unearthed evidence of a long-standing pre-morbid low back condition.

- Obtained a decision on behalf of an industrial manufacturer denying and dismissing a claim petition seeking the award of past and future workers' compensation wage loss and medical benefits for an alleged plantar fasciitis injury. In doing so, the employer offered lay testimony rebutting the claimant's depiction of his work environment and confirming the employer's use of padded flooring in and around claimant's workstations, as well as an independent medical examination which refuted not only causation of the claimant's injury but the allegation that claimant's work-related standing and walking activities caused an aggravation of a pre-existing condition. The decision avoided substantial exposure for the payment of past wage loss and future wage loss benefits in excess of \$100,000.00.
- Obtained a denial of a first notice claim petition for a meniscus tear/knee injury by a waitress/short order cook for a national restaurant chain avoiding the imposition of surgical costs, and past and future wage loss benefits in excess of \$50,000.00. The use of social media surveys and hospital canvassing allowed a critical finding regarding claimant's complained of knee condition being inconsistent with her post-injury surgical presentation and a favorable IME opinion to contest causation.
- Successfully prosecuted a review petition to eliminate claimant's post-injury hip-related care as being non-work related, thereby facilitating a favorable settlement of the claim by eliminating treatment costs, potential hip replacement surgery and an injury upon which was alleging prohibited his ability to seek treatment for his accepted low back injury.
- Obtained an aggregated \$75,000.00 in Supersedeas Fund reimbursements for wage and medical benefits on behalf of various self-insured employers, third-party administrators and workers compensation insurance carriers.
- Obtained a reimbursement from the Pennsylvania supersedeas fund of more than \$85,000 for wage and medical benefits for a trucking firm client. The judge cited Weber Gallagher's use of medical records in issuing his decision.
- Obtained the suspension of disability payments and reimbursement of past payments for a swimming pool distributor in litigation with an employee who had refused duties offered him when he was cleared to work. Evidence included

the employee's past convictions for conspiracy to defraud a former employer, uncovered by Weber Gallagher in a search of federal and state criminal court dockets.

- Successfully defended a shipping company against an employee's claim that repetitive activities related to scanning packages had caused his meniscal tear, bolstering the client's position against other employee claims of repetitive trauma.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Volunteer Ice Hockey Coach /Instructor - USAH Level 4 Certification