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Ryan McBride handles a wide range of high-level defense actions, and he is focused on professional liability — including medical malpractice and legal malpractice — and general liability matters, including premises liability, products liability, and municipal liability.

On the medical malpractice front, Ryan works with hospitals and health systems, as well as physicians, ambulance companies, physician groups, and EMS providers, defending them against claims of catastrophic claims of injury.

General liability is an area in which Ryan has a variety of experience, including handling premises liability matters, such as fall-down injuries, for businesses both large and small. He also possesses a strong understanding of the intricacies of D&O liability, as well as commercial and dram shop liability. Ryan is also well versed in municipal liability, and he has a great deal of experience with the attendant immunities and applying them to the client's advantage.

Ryan has legal malpractice knowledge and experience, as it pertains to litigation and transactional claims.

Additionally, Ryan provides legal advice to court-appointed Guardians and represents them in Orphans' Court.

In 2023, Ryan was appointed to serve on Law360's Pennsylvania Editorial Advisory Board.

In 2022, Ryan was included in the Pennsylvania edition of Super Lawyers magazine as a "Rising Star," an honor given to the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in the Commonwealth. Super Lawyers lists are issued by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology can be found at <https://www.superlawyers.com/about/selection-process/>.

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Industries

Healthcare
Retail
Public Entities
Construction
Automotive
Abuse & Misconduct Claims

Practices

Medical Malpractice
General Liability
Professional Liability
Litigation

Education

Widener University School of Law, J.D.,
2009

Temple University, B.B.A., 2004

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

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

Experience

- ***Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.***
- Obtained dismissal for a HVAC contractor who was alleged to have left an area of construction unsecured, resulting in personal injury.
- Secured dismissal on behalf of home builder who was alleged to have damaged utilities while performing foundation work.
- Obtained dismissal of a large home builder in a hybrid commercial liability/wrongful death lawsuit, using affidavits to highlight weaknesses in the plaintiffs' theory of liability and undermine their expert's opinions.
- Secured dismissal before trial on behalf of a surgeon who allegedly ligated the plaintiff's right ureter during surgery resulting in a fistula and the need for repair. This matter also involved allegations that our client did not obtain proper informed consent prior to the surgery.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a contractor client who was alleged to have destroyed a utility pole on his job site.
- Secured dismissal on behalf of an orthopedic surgeon who was alleged to have placed a wrong-sided hip prosthesis in a Plaintiff during hip replacement.
- Obtained dismissal on behalf of a municipal client in a premises liability matter where the plaintiff suffered a spinal compression fracture and concussion.
- Successfully obtained affirmation of a defense verdict before the Superior Court. In their appeal, the Plaintiff argued that the jury's findings were against the weight of evidence and that the trial court had erred by not instructing the jury on alteration of medical records. The Superior Court rejected the Plaintiff's weight of the evidence claims and held that a request for an adverse inference charge was unsupported.
- Obtained dismissal of a large home builder in a hybrid commercial liability/wrongful death lawsuit, using affidavits to highlight weaknesses in the plaintiffs' theory of liability and undermine their expert's opinions.
- Obtained dismissal of a lawsuit on behalf of a surgeon client in a medical malpractice matter. This dismissal was affirmed by the Superior Court after briefing and oral argument.
- Obtained a summary judgment and dismissal of a lawsuit on behalf of a physician client and her insurer, using a novel area of case law to effectuate the dismissal.
- Successfully negotiated settlement of less than 10 percent of a

plaintiff's pre-arbitration demand after obtaining a favorable arbitration award on behalf of a large property management corporation.

- Obtained a defense verdict at arbitration in a premises liability action on behalf of a national retail store.
- Obtains summary judgement for National Truck Stop Company.

Professional & Community Involvement

Pennsylvania Defense Institute, Middle District-North, Director

Wills For Heroes, Volunteers

Lackawanna Bar Association, participant in mentor program for new inductees, Medical/Legal Committee, Civil Rules Committee, Pro Bono Committee

Irish Cultural Society of Scranton, PA, Officer

Lackawanna Pro Bono, Inc. Volunteer Attorney

Lackawanna County Arbitration Program, Arbitrator

Board of the Directors, Greater Pittston YMCA