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Sherri Dougherty defends manufacturing plants, staffing agencies, shipping corporations, retailers, restaurants, transportation companies, insurance carriers and self-insured employers in workers' compensation claims in Pennsylvania.

To ensure her clients are using best risk management practices and reducing exposure risk, Sherri provides extensive counseling on potential claims, minimizing the costs of claims not just in litigation but also the settlement value of claims.

Sherri handles all types of workers' compensation litigation including standard utilization reviews, fee review disputes, average weekly wage disputes, and jurisdiction disputes. With decades of experience, Sherri is well versed in all issues that arise concerning the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act. Sherri has been instrumental in securing her clients wins before Workers' Compensation Judges, the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, and the Commonwealth Court.

Sherri 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.

Experience

- ***Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.***
- Successful in defending a Reinstatement and Review Petition of an employee who tripped and fell at work, injuring her knee. Claimant was terminated for cause post-injury, and alleged injuries to multiple body parts other than the knee. The Judge found claimant's injury to be limited to a knee contusion, that claimant's wage loss was not related to her work injury, and

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Industries

Manufacturing
Transportation
Healthcare

Practices

Workers' Compensation

Education

Villanova University Charles Widger
School of Law, J.D., 1993
Franklin and Marshall College, B.S., 1990

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

United States District Court for the
Eastern District of Pennsylvania

found her fully recovered from the knee contusion based on credible testimony of employer's medical expert.

- Successful in defending a Fatal Claim Petition for a traveling employee, whose widow alleged claimant had a heart attack due to work-related stress. The Judge found credible employer's medical and fact witness testimony, which did not support work stress as a causal factor in claimant's heart attack.
- Successful in defending a Claim Petition filed by a part time supervisor who alleged that due to 18 years of heavy physical activity on the job, she had cumulative injuries to the neck and lower back. The Judge denied the Claim Petition, finding credible the four employer fact witnesses who testified that claimant's job was not heavy or repetitive, and that claimant went out of work on short term disability benefits without reporting a work injury within 120 days. The WCJ also accepted employer's medical expert as more credible than two medical experts presented by claimant.

Professional & Community Involvement

Delaware County Human Resources Association (Delco SHRM),
Legislative Issues, Board Member

Judge Alexander F. Barbieri Workers' Compensation American Inn
of Court, Member

Power of Professional Women, Member