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Ed Beitz focuses his practice on medical malpractice defense. He defends doctors, nurses, physicians assistants and hospitals at the trial and appellate levels, as well as general liability matters.

Ed gained valuable courtroom experience early in his career by sitting second-chair, defending medical malpractice trials involving complex issues of the human anatomy, such as cardiac surgery, obstetrical complications and vascular injury. He has also tried multiple cases to defense verdicts before arbitration panels in Philadelphia County. Ed's practice has involved a wide range of other medical specialties, including neurosurgery, bariatric surgery, orthopedics, pain management and emergency medicine.

Ed had authored briefs on appellate issues in healthcare and general liability to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He has also written and developed articles and presentations on emerging issues in medical malpractice, such as the increased relevance of electronic medical records in the context of civil litigation.

While in law school Ed served as the Lead Articles Editor on the Rutgers *Journal of Law and Religion*. He also participated in Rutgers' Hunter Moot Court Tournament, where he placed as a finalist and was appointed to the National Moot Court Team.

Upon graduation, Ed served as law clerk to the Honorable Judge Francine I. Axelrad of the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Representative Matters

- Represented cardiothoracic surgeons in a case involving the death of a patient due to complications during aortic valve replacement and cardiac bypass; tried case with partner to defense verdict
- Represented a large Pennsylvania health and hospital system in numerous medical malpractice cases involving permanent injuries, impairments and death
- Tried multiple premises liability arbitrations to defense verdicts on behalf of a regional drug and alcohol rehabilitation clinic

Recognition & Involvement

Ed serves on the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Practice Areas

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Bar And Court Admissions

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

Education

Rutgers University School of Law – Camden, JD, 2006

LaSalle University, *magna cum laude*, BA, 2002

In his time away from the office, Ed enjoys running and spending time with family. He is a regular attendant at Citizens Bank Park to cheer the Phillies.

Publications

Punitive Damages in Medical Negligence Cases: The Bark versus the Bite
Fall 2010

Electronic Discovery and Healthcare Litigation
October 2010

Focus on Healthcare: Winter 2010
Winter 2010

Cases & Deals

Eppolito and Beitz Obtain Defense Verdict in a Jury Trial in Medical Malpractice Case
April 13, 2009