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Chris Ballod represents businesses of all sizes in trial and appellate level courts throughout the region. He has defended power companies, contractors and manufacturers in matters involving major property damage and catastrophic injuries caused by exposure to toxic substances, construction accidents and the improper use of industrial products. Chris has also represented insurers in coverage and bad faith matters in federal and state courts. His diverse experience even includes one of the first “virtual property” lawsuits in the nation.

Prior to joining White and Williams, Chris served as a judicial clerk for President Judge Emeritus Stephen J. McEwen, Jr. of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

During law school he served an externship with the Honorable Allan L. Tereshko, then Supervising Judge of the Complex Litigation Center in Philadelphia, and worked as an intern for the Honorable Joseph D. O’Keefe. He also served on the board of the *Widener Law Symposium Journal* law review as an Articles Editor, and was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society.

Chris also serves as the editor of *Court Crier*, the firm’s weekly e-news alert, which analyzes significant appellate court decisions.

Representative Matters

- Represented a national commercial transportation company in Mid-Atlantic litigation involving multi-state transportation agreements, catastrophic injury litigation and FELA indemnity actions
- Represented a major nuclear and traditional energy company in toxic tort litigation in multiple jurisdictions
- Tried the corporate succession/business fraud claims in a \$5 million construction defect case involving a municipal facility in Eastern Pennsylvania
- Obtained favorable resolution for a sheet metal manufacturer in the mediation of a catastrophic injury matter in which the plaintiff’s demand was \$4.2 million
- Represented a major insurance carrier and an international commercial property management company in the jury trial of a construction accident involving the elevators in an office building

Practice Areas

Appellate
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith
Product Liability
Toxic Torts and Environmental

Bar And Court Admissions

Pennsylvania
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
U.S District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Education

Widener University School of Law, JD, 2002
Pennsylvania State University, BA, 1998

Memberships

Pennsylvania Association of Defense Counsel
Philadelphia Bar Association; Rules and Procedures Committee; Appellate Courts Committee
Temple American Inn of Court, Barrister Member

Recognition & Involvement

In 2008, Chris was named in a survey of his peers as a Pennsylvania "Rising Star" attorney by *Law & Politics* magazine. In the same year, he graduated from the esteemed Temple Academy of Advocacy program.

Chris is committed to civic engagement and serves as Counsel, and past Board President, to a local non-profit theater company. He was elected to a four-year term on the elections board of Pennsylvania's 30th Ward and also serves as a volunteer attorney for the Homeless Advocacy Project of Philadelphia.

In The News

Coverage College 2011® Brings Over 500 Students Together for Fifth Annual Insurance Industry Event
October 6, 2011

Events

Form and Substance: The Interplay Between State Unfair Insurance Practices Acts and Bad Faith Litigation
October 6, 2011

Preventing the Great Heist: Understanding Exclusions for Criminal and Bad Acts
September 30, 2010

Effective Litigation for Claims Adjusters
June 24, 2009

Publications

A Word to the Wise: Be Careful With Your Advice
July 1, 2011

Alternative Dispute Resolution: Arbitration No, We Won't Take Your Word For It
July 1, 2011

Using an Expert Witness as a Land Mine: Analysis of *Pineda v. Ford Motor Company*
July 1, 2011

Drinking on the Job: The Intoxication Defense in a Construction Accident Case
January 2010