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Andy has substantial courtroom experience and has successfully tried over 50 cases to jury verdict. As Managing Partner of the firm and Chair of the Executive Committee, Andy guides the firm in its commitment to excellence in legal service and adding value to every client relationship.

OVERVIEW

For over 30 years, Andy Susko has focused his practice on providing cost effective representation in complex litigation matters to a wide variety of businesses, including leading healthcare institutions, public electrical and natural gas utilities, equipment and tool manufacturers, and life, health and disability insurers. Andy has substantial courtroom experience, trying cases to jury verdict and through appeal in state and federal court. He concentrates his defense trial practice in health care and medical malpractice liability claims, utility catastrophic loss and contractual indemnity actions, construction accident claims, product liability actions, and life and disability claims, including cases where punitive damages and bad faith are pursued.

In addition to his active trial practice, Andy has spoken extensively on topics of importance to the businesses he serves, including insurance fraud, punitive damages and the trial of civil cases, and has provided in-house training to clients litigation holds, legal loss notices, preservation of evidence, presenting the company executive and corporate designee witness for deposition and trial and presentation and cross-examination of experts at deposition and trial.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

From 2004 - 2019, Andy was selected in a survey of his peers as a Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" by *Super Lawyers*. He has been rated AV® Preeminent by the Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating system, and was recognized as a 2013 "Top Rated Lawyer" in Healthcare based on his AV® Preeminent™ rating. He was also rated by the Judiciary as AV® Preeminent. He was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2021 list in the practice area of Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants.

PRACTICES

Appellate
Healthcare
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith
Insurance Fraud
Life, Health, Disability and ERISA
Litigation

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
Massachusetts
New Jersey
Florida
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court for the Middle District Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court for the Western District Pennsylvania
U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

Villanova University School of Law, JD, 1981
Florida State University, BS, *summa cum laude*, 1978

MEMBERSHIPS

The Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel

Andy is a highly active member of the legal profession and has a longtime commitment to the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations, as well as the Philadelphia area *pro bono* community. He served as President of the 29,000-member Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) in 2007 - 2008. In addition, Andy is a current member of the PBA's House of Delegates (1992 - present) and a former Chair of the House, a past member of the Board of Governors (1991 - 94, 1998 - 99, 2006 - 09) and Chair of the Young Lawyers Division (1992 - 93). He also served as Chair and then member of Project PEACE, a dispute resolution initiative for elementary and middle school students (1999 - 2006).

Andy has been a member of the Advisory Board of the Legal Clinic for the Disabled since 1990, a Board Member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Judicial Independence Commission since 2009, and served as Chair of the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board. He is a member and past president (2004 - 05) of the Pennsylvania Defense Institute. Andy is also a former member of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Board of Governors (1990 - 94) and a past Chair of its Young Lawyers Division (1990).

Andy is also a member of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC), whose members are dedicated to promoting knowledge, fellowship and professionalism as they pursue the course of a balanced justice system and represent those in need of a defense in civil lawsuits.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Has successfully tried over 50 cases to jury verdict and bench trial

Tried to defense verdicts and extensive experience in handling claims of professional liability against physicians and hospitals including, claims involving failure to diagnose and timely treat meningitis, claims of lack of informed consent and birth injury cases involving claims of brain damage and physical injury

Tried to defense verdicts product liability claims arising out of industrial accidents including overhead bridge cranes, mobile cranes, tip overs, high speed rotational equipment of grinders, drills, pneumatic tools, compressors, electrical and hydraulic hoists, rollers, front-end loaders and earth moving equipment

Tried defense verdicts cases of electrical injuries, line contacts, gas explosions, electrical switch failures and power plant construction accidents

Represented electric utility companies in accidents involving electrocutions, downed electrical conductors, wave trap replacements, pole hits, improper relay setting claims, power plant construction accidents, and indemnity disputes between utilities and their contractors

Pennsylvania Bar Association
Pennsylvania Defense Institute
Pennsylvania Supreme Court Judicial
Independence Commission
Philadelphia Bar Association

Successfully represented insurance companies and public electric utilities in declaratory judgment actions

Tried cases to verdict involving claims by professionals seeking disability benefits and bad faith punitive damages

IN THE NEWS

White and Williams Lawyers Recognized as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
11.1.21

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 38 White and Williams Lawyers
8.19.21

Congratulations 2020 DE, MA, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
11.5.20

Andy Susko Named to Membership in Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
11.1.20

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 43 White and Williams Lawyers
8.20.20

Congratulations 2019 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.17.19

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 29 White and Williams Lawyers
8.15.19

Congratulations 2018 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.18.18

Best Lawyers Recognizes Twenty White and Williams Lawyers
8.15.18

Congratulations 2017 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
11.11.17

Congratulations 2016 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.18.16

Patti Santelle and Andy Susko Named to CHOP's Corporate Council
12.9.15

Congratulations 2015 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.21.15

EVENTS

Coverage College 2021
10.21.21

Open Court: Return of In-Person Jury Trials in Philadelphia and Resolving Cases During COVID-19
Webinar, 4.22.21

Hot Topics in Civil Litigation
Pennsylvania Bar Association 2020 Midyear Meeting, 1.30.20

Risky Behaviors: How They Can Lead to Being Sued
Legal Challenges in Healthcare
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 11.17.18

Hot Topics in Civil Litigation
Pennsylvania Bar Association Midyear Meeting (Key West, FL), 1.25.18

Hot Topics in Civil Litigation
Pennsylvania Bar Association Midyear Meeting (St. Kitts), 1.26.17

"Can I Get Your Thoughts On This?" – A Look at Informal "Curbside" Consultations and Their Potential Medical and Legal Implications
2015 Healthcare Summit, 5.7.15

PUBLICATIONS

Considering the Juror Pandemic Lens – Seating a Jury
Litigation Alert, 8.3.20

When Will We See a Resumption of Jury Trials in Philadelphia County?
The Legal Intelligencer, 7.10.20

Jury Trials and Mediation in Philadelphia County: Virtually in Person
Litigation Alert, 6.9.20

A National Registry of COVID-19 Patients: The Legal Implications
Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Report, 6.5.20

Striking the Balance: Making the Tough Judicial Call
Litigation Alert, 5.11.20

White and Williams Files Amicus Brief in Pennsylvania Medical Malpractice Time-Limit Ruling
Healthcare Alert, 11.18.19

PA Supreme Court Confirms Risk/Complication Evidence Is Admissible for Standard of Care and Causation in Med Mal Cases
Healthcare Alert, 6.19.19

With No Informed Consent Claim, Are Risks and Complications of a Surgical Procedure Admissible?
Healthcare Alert, 11.22.17

To Err is Human, to Admit is Divine: Public Disclosure of Medical Errors
Healthcare Talks, 5.10.17