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OVERVIEW

Matt Ferrie is a partner in the Subrogation Department and has practiced exclusively in the field of subrogation since 2007. He investigates and litigates complex commercial and residential property losses involving fire damage, water damage, and structural collapse, among other claims. Matt's efforts result in multi-million dollar recoveries by firm clients each year.

Matt is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. Additionally, he has litigated matters as lead counsel in approximately 25 other jurisdictions nationwide through *pro hac vice* admission.

Matt has lectured on topics including deposition strategies/tactics, and the selection, retention, and preparation of expert witnesses. Matt has also served as an Attorney-Instructor to expert witnesses in courtroom testimony training seminars.

Prior to joining White and Williams, Matt served as an Assistant District Attorney in Berks County, PA. During his career as an ADA, he prosecuted criminal defendants in over 50 jury and non-jury trials for offenses including attempted murder, aggravated assault, rape, robbery, drug trafficking, unlawful possession/use of firearms, child abuse, domestic violence, and driving under the influence. Matt's experience as an Assistant District Attorney, including the coordination of investigations, handling a large volume of cases, and proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, has provided a valuable background for gathering and presenting sufficient evidence to hold parties liable for wrongful conduct in the civil arena.

While in law school, Matt received multiple trial advocacy awards, including the *Barrister's Award for Excellence*. Also while in law school, Matt worked for a global investigative firm where he provided support to investigations/presentations relating to stadium security and employee theft. Prior to law school, Matt served as a Law Clerk in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, where he provided support to narcotics investigations involving wiretapping.

PRACTICES

Subrogation

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

New York

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

Temple University Beasley School of Law,
JD, 2004

Bloomsburg University, BA, 1999

Matt has also served as an Arbitrator for the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Matt's hobbies include spending time with his family and boxing training.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Participated in researching and drafting appellate briefs in one of the few cases nationwide where a court analyzed the applicability of an AIA Waiver of Subrogation Provision in a post-construction loss. The highest court in Maryland held that the Waiver of Subrogation Provision in the IA contract at issue was ambiguous and did not preclude subrogation. (*John L. Mattingly Construction Inc. v Hartford Underwriter's Insurance Company*)

Successfully argued against summary judgment motions relating to, *inter alia*, the application of governmental immunity, the application of utility tariffs, the application of the statute of repose, the application of waivers of subrogation, and allegations of insufficient expert testimony

Successfully argued against the improper removal of a case to federal court

Participated in numerous multi-party mediations and played an active role in facilitating settlement among all parties

Litigated subrogation claims involving the disputed application of various codes, statutes, and standards

Litigated subrogation claims involving the improper installation, maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of the piping systems of large municipalities, electric utility systems, sewage systems, furnaces, water heaters and water pipes

Litigated subrogation claims involving improper demolition practices

Litigated subrogation claims involving defective construction of homes, condominium buildings, and commercial buildings, as well as defective construction of plumbing systems, fireplaces/chimneys and boats

Litigated subrogation claims involving improper construction management and claims involving defective building envelope construction

Litigated subrogation claims involving disputes as to whether the negligent employee was acting in the course and scope of his duties

Litigated subrogation claims involving improper use of the one-call system, leading to utilities being damaged by excavation

Litigated subrogation claims involving, *inter alia*, defective exhaust fans, clothes dryers, air handlers, water heaters, dehumidifiers, microwaves, printers, plumbing components, stereo equipment, and lawn tractors

IN THE NEWS

Subrogation Lawyers Get Real Life Fire Training
10.27.21

White and Williams Announces Lawyer Promotions
Six Lawyers Elected to Partnership and Four Associates Promoted to Counsel
1.2.19

White and Williams Announces Lawyer Promotions
Two Lawyers Elected to Partnership and Six Associates Promoted to Counsel
1.4.18

EVENTS

Adjuster Under Oath: Insights and Advice Regarding Adjuster Depositions
2023 NASP Annual Conference, 11.7.23

Impressions on the Progression of Fire Suppression
2023 NASP Spring Conference, 2.16.23

The Imitation Game - Using Exemplars at Product Examinations
2022 NASP Annual Conference, 11.8.22

Learning From Experience - Attorney Perspectives on Effective and Ineffective Expert Support to Build Your Case
The Institute of Fire Science, March 16 - 17, 2022

Inspector Gadget: How Technology is Advancing Origin and Cause Investigations
2021 National Association of Subrogation Professionals Spring Conference, 3.26.21

How Subrogation Professionals and First-Party Claims Adjusters Can Work Together for Mutual Benefit
The National Association of Subrogation Professionals Webinar, 9.8.20

In Order to Form a More Perfect Union – How to Utilize the Public Sector Investigation to Support Your Case
National Association of Subrogation Professionals, Annual Conference (Washington, DC), 10.28.19

Unusual Checks and Balances – Proving Out-of-the-Ordinary Damage
National Association of Subrogation Professionals, Annual Conference (Washington, DC), 10.28.19

To a Reasonable Degree of Certainty – An Attorney's Perspective on Effective (and Ineffective) Expert Support
NEFCO Fire Investigation Evidence Lab Facility (Blackwood, NJ), 9.11.19

Game of Rooms - Strategies for Conquering Your Next Mediation
NASP Webinar, 3.19.19

Depositions: Goals, Strategies, and Pitfalls
Live Burn to Learn (Coatesville, PA), 9.8.17

PUBLICATIONS

Who's on First: How First-Party Claims Adjusters Add Value to Subrogation Recovery Efforts
Subro Sessions, 12.30.21

Spoliation: Often Argued, Rarely Understood

Subro Sessions, 9.23.21

Mindful Mediation: Navigating the Path to Recovery (Part 2)

Subro Sessions, 7.16.21

Mindful Mediation: Navigating the Path to Recovery (Part 1)

Subro Sessions, 6.4.21