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Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance
- Personal Injury Services

Education

- Boston College, (B.S., 1987)
- Villanova Law School, (J.D., 1991)

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey - 1991
- Pennsylvania - 1991

William J. O'Kane, Jr.

Bill O'Kane is an accomplished trial lawyer who represents clients in significant product liability, commercial, insurance and other personal injury litigation matters. He has tried more than 25 cases to verdict.

Bill's extensive product liability litigation experience includes toxic tort claims, including chemical exposures, exercise equipment, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, household and consumer products, motor vehicles and construction equipment. Bill's thoughtful, direct approach lends itself to these types of matters and is appreciated by his clients.

Bill successfully defended a national law firm in a legal malpractice action in which a Fortune 500 Company sought more than \$75 million in damages. The case involved complex issues of environmental, securities and corporate law and arose out of the law firm's representation of the Company in a corporate acquisition. Along with Frank Allen, Bill secured a defense verdict for his client.

Bill also successfully defended a home healthcare company, in a personal injury case where a teenage boy sustained a traumatic brain injury. Bill's skillful and tactical defense lead to all claims against his client being dismissed on Summary Judgment which was sustained on appeal through to the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Bill's commercial practice includes bid protest litigation. Bill successfully represented EDS in a bid protest brought by IBM related to EDS winning a \$90 million contract with the State of New Jersey.

Bill resides in Cherry Hill, New Jersey with his wife Carolyn and their three children.

Representative Experience

Other significant matters include:

- Hamrick v. City of Paterson - Co-Lead trial counsel with Frank Allen in the defense of the City of Paterson in four fire fatalities. Summary Judgment on immunity defenses recently denied, case currently on Interlocutory Appeal;
- Co-Lead counsel with Chris Gibson in the defense of a client's first asbestos exposure mesothelioma case. Case dismissed on Summary Judgment after expert discovery was completed. Currently on Appeal;
- Product Liability/Toxic Tort - defense of a benzene cancer case, venued in Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, case resolved after motions in limine were filed and a week before jury selection for less than our client's anticipated cost of trial;
- Defense of a home health equipment/supply company, in a product liability - electrical bed fire case where a grandmother was on fire and transferred fire on her person to another room in the house prior to her death. Plaintiff made \$10M demand case settled for confidential amount reflective of the cost of an anticipated four week trial;
- Defense of an exploding aerosol can product liability case involving loss of an eye and a closed head injury; case settled favorable for a confidential amount at mediation after oral argument on Summary Judgment motion involving Daubert issues.

Professional And Community Involvement

- Member of the New Jersey Bar Association
- Member of American Trial Lawyers Association

Awards And Recognition

- Named a "Top Attorney" by SJ Magazine (Product Liability, 2014)