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Industries

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Education

J.D., Fordham
University School of
Law, 1980
M.S., Biology, Fordham
University Graduate
School of Arts &
Sciences, 1977
B.S., Fordham
University, 1975

Bar Admissions

New York, 1981
New Jersey, 1998
United States District
Court Southern District
of New York, 1981
United States District
Court Eastern District of
New York, 1981
United States Court of
Appeals Second Circuit,
1987
United States Supreme
Court, 1987
United States District
Court District of New
Jersey, 1999

Patrick Dwyer has developed a very impressive track record for success in civil trials in high exposure matters in both New York and New Jersey as well as in contested administrative matters before state agencies. He has over 30 years experience in representing insurance interests in mass tort claims (asbestos, breast implant, environmental damages, tobacco and latex exposure).

Pat's trial and agency representation includes representing hospitals, physicians, and other healthcare practitioners in tort actions and in licensure matters before the Office of Professional Medical Conduct and the Office of Professional Discipline.

The hallmarks of his practice are thorough preparation and responsiveness to his clients. His trial experience includes defending Fortune 40 and other smaller companies from asbestos related claims, successfully defending products liability claims including medical devices, pharma products, toxic torts and intentional torts resulting in serious personal injury and wrongful death. He has garnered similar success in representing plaintiffs in significant bodily injury claims.

Representative Experience

- *Rama v. JHMC*, 707327/14 Queens, NY (2017). Obtained a \$4 million settlement for a patient who suffered unexplained blindness during emergency bowel surgery.
- *Moreira v. Peixoto*, 2015 NJ Super Unpub Lexis 2171. Obtained a settlement of \$3.7 million for a carpenter who suffered severe back injury despite first having received workmen's comp benefits and also obtained a jury verdict dismissing fraud claims against the plaintiff by the defendant's insurer.
- *Princeton Healthcare System v Netsmart NY Inc.*, 422 NJ Super 467 (2011). Prosecuted a Consumer Fraud Act claim for a non-conforming IT system.
- *Appalachian Ins. Co. v. Gen. Elec. Co.*, 8 N.Y. 3d 162 (2007). Represented the plaintiff in a several hundred million dollar dispute over the availability of insurance coverage for asbestos claims.
- *Byrne v. Times Square Dist. Mgmt. Assn.*, 03CV5488(DLC). Obtained a \$2.25 settlement for the family of an *au pair* struck by a public safety vehicle.
- *Ifrimov v. Phoenix Indus Gas, LLC*, 4A.D. 332 (2nd Dept. 2004). Defended against a claim for

United States District
Court Northern District
of New York, 2002

severe burns arising out of defective propane tanks which were spoliated.

- *Yale Univer v. CIGNA Ins Co*, 224 F. Supp 2d 402 (D.Ct.2002). Defended an insurer against a claim for remediation of asbestos in university buildings.
- *Maryland Cas. Co. v. WR Grace 7 Co.*, 128 F.3d 794 (2d Cir.1998). Defended insurance interests against claim for coverage for property damage due to asbestos.
- *Avondale Industries v. Travelers*, 887 F2d1 200 (2d Cir. 1989). Defended insurer against claims by other insurer to indemnify it for environmental damage in Louisiana.
- *Morales v. City of NY*, 70 NY 2d 981 (1988). Defended petroleum company against claims for improper sale of an accelerant resulting in a conflagration that killed 25 and injured 14 in Bronx, NY.

Professional and Community Activities

- President Princeton Youth Wrestling, 2006-2014

Professional Recognition

- Editorial Advisory Board Journal of Anesthesia Malpractice, 2005-2012

NEWS / EVENTS

Press Releases

- Dilworth Paxson Acquires Smith Stratton