

# Joseph F. Frattone, IV

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Joseph F. Frattone, IV is a partner in the firm's Philadelphia office. He has devoted his practice exclusively to Pennsylvania workers' compensation since 1999.

Mr. Frattone represents insurance companies, self-insureds and third-party administrators in all aspects of workers' compensation claims. He is always available to his clients to offer solutions to issues ranging from the simple to the complex. For more than a decade, Mr. Frattone has provided assistance with everything from pre-litigation claims handling and strategies to appellate representation.

Mr. Frattone practices before all levels of the workers' compensation system, as well as Commonwealth Court and Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and The Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

In addition to his trial and appellate work, he also spends time lecturing and writing about Pennsylvania workers' compensation law. Having served as defense counsel for the employer and insurance company in the seminal Pennsylvania Supreme Court case *Reinforced Earth Co. v. WCAB (Astudillo)*, Mr. Frattone is frequently asked to speak about case law relating to illegal immigrants and the Pennsylvania workers' compensation system by the Philadelphia Bar Association and other organizations. *Reinforced Earth* has been the leading Pennsylvania case addressing the ability of illegal immigrants to secure workers' compensation benefits.

Before joining Cipriani & Werner, Mr. Frattone was a partner at a large Philadelphia-based insurance defense firm. Early in his career, he worked for the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Appeal Board where he drafted opinions. He is licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Frattone was named a *Pennsylvania Super Lawyer* "Rising Star". This honor is given to the top 2.5% of attorneys in the Commonwealth who are age 40 or younger or in practice for ten years or less.

Mr. Frattone is a 1993 graduate of St. Joseph's University and received his J.D. from Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law in 1996.



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## PRACTICE AREAS

- Workers' Compensation

## EDUCATION

St. Joseph's University (B.A., 1993)

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