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William B. Pentecost, Jr. is a Shareholder and Chair of the General Liability Practice Group in the firm's Pittsburgh office. He is also Co-Chair of the firm-wide Transportation Law Practice Group. For more than 30 years, Bill has practiced in civil litigation, focusing on transportation law (with an emphasis on catastrophic trucking cases), construction defect claims, and products liability cases (with a focus on automotive, fire, and toxic exposure claims).

Prior to joining the firm, Bill served as regional counsel for a Fortune 500 corporation's defense of toxic exposure cases in ten western states. In that capacity, he managed litigation strategy, local counsel, discovery and experts for hundreds of cases.

Bill is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. He is a regular speaker and panelist for a variety of legal and industry professional organizations and is an active member of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), the Defense Research Institute (DRI), the Pennsylvania Defense Institute (PDI), the Transportation Lawyers Association (TLA) and the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA). From 2017 to 2019, he served on TLA's Executive Committee and currently serves as chair of its Motor Carrier Committee. He is also a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations.

Mr. Pentecost is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Western, Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania, the District of New Jersey, and the Northern District of Ohio. He is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Bill served in the U.S. Army Reserve since he enlisted in 1987 until 2019, when he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the JAG Corps. From 2013-2026, Bill served as a Commissioner on the Governor of Pennsylvania's Military Community Enhancement Commission.

Bill is a life member of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States (ROA), the Military Officers Association of the United States (MOAA) and the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW). From 2008 to 2017, Bill served as ROA's pro bono general counsel. Since 2012, Bill has served as pro bono counsel to the Executive Committee of Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Trust, Inc.

Bill majored in accounting at Providence College, graduating in 1992. In 1996, he graduated from Duquesne University School of Law, where he was first in his class and a member of the Duquesne Law Review.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Motor Carrier
- Product Liability
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- General & Premises Liability

EDUCATION

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