

William M. Conwell

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William M. Conwell is a partner in the firm's Pittsburgh office. He concentrates his practice exclusively in the representation of self-insured employers and their third party administrators before Workers' Compensation Judges of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

With over 30 years of experience, Mr. Conwell has handled all varieties of Compensation Claims including Fatalities, Mental Stress, Hearing Loss, and Catastrophic Injuries to individuals sustaining Cognitive Brain Dysfunction. While defending Employers for the more typical Orthopedic claims, he has represented Industries as diverse as Bottlers, Waste Haulers, Construction Companies, Elevator Manufacturers, and Facilities for the Physically/Mentally Challenged. He has handled claims for Trucking and Transportation providers, including the always-challenging Independent Contractor/Employee battle, with emphasis on OCC/ACC policy issues. He has served as Designated Counsel for the Pittsburgh Pirates on the construction of PNC Park. He has also served as Designated Counsel for the Pittsburgh Penguins on the construction of PPG Arena. He has also handled Extra-Territorial issues for companies whose employees have been injured in China, Nicaragua and Mexico.



For the last 20 years, Mr. Conwell has been recognized as one of the nation's preeminent practitioners in the area of workers' compensation law by the publishers of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Since 2005, he has been selected annually for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* for workers' compensation law, and in 2009, he was also named one of the Top Lawyers in Pittsburgh.

As an active member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Mr. Conwell served as Chairman of the Workers' Compensation Section in 2003 and 2004. He also served a three-year term as the Course Planning Chair for the Workers' Compensation Section from 1995 to 1998, updating its members on the evolution of Workers' Compensation Law in the wake of Act 57. Mr. Conwell continues to train employers and Third Party Administrators on Workers' Compensation issues pertaining to proper claims handling to reduce or eliminate exposure. He also frequently lectures on a variety of other topics including the relationship between HIPAA and the Workers' Compensation Act and the growth of Medicare Set Aside Programs.

Mr. Conwell is also a member of the Allegheny County, American and West Virginia Bar Associations, as well as the Defense Research Institute and the Pennsylvania Defense Institute.

He received his B.A. from Dickinson College in 1981 in Medieval Studies and his J.D. from University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1986.

Mr. Conwell, his wife Pauline and their son Kevin reside in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. His daughter Erin recently returned to the area with her husband Patrick and works for UPMC in their Center for High-Value Health Care. Their youngest daughter Meghan and her fiance Michael are due to be married here in November of 2019.


PRACTICE AREAS

- Workers' Compensation

EDUCATION

Dickinson College (B.A., 1981)

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