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OVERVIEW

Michael Ross is a partner in our Pittsburgh office who focuses on appellate practice and product liability and toxic tort litigation. He has also done substantial work in the areas of oil and gas litigation, general commercial litigation, Uniform Commercial Code contract disputes, labor and employment litigation, and local land use and zoning litigation.

In the toxic tort field, Michael has personally argued over 25 appeals in various state and federal appellate courts, and has represented a broad range of clients, including manufacturers in a number of industries, as well as premises owners and employers. In that capacity, in addition to personally litigating and arguing cases, Michael has overseen the coordinated defense of mass numbers of repetitive cases filed against his clients across the country and has worked with clients, local attorneys, and insurers to ensure a strong, efficient, and tightly coordinated defense.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 2005 (*Michigan Darrow Scholar, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif*)
- B.A., College of William and Mary, 2002 (*magna cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 23 February 2023, Tooley Analysis Extended to Occupational Disease Act
- 20 October 2021, Chancery Court Dismisses Disclosure and Breach Claims in LLC Financing Litigation

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- New Jersey Supreme Court Issues Compelling Precedent Removing Hearsay Bar to Third-Party-Fault Evidence, Washington Legal Foundation, 15 November 2019
- “The Increasing Prevalence of Talc-Related Litigation,” *Westlaw Journal of Toxic Torts*, Vol. 35, Issue 1, February 24, 2017
- “State Courts Move To Dismiss ‘Every Exposure’ Liability Theory in Asbestos Lawsuits,” *Legal Background*, Vol. 29, No. 3 (Washington Legal Foundation), February 28, 2014
- “In a League of Its Own: Restoring Pennsylvania Product Liability Law to the Prevailing Modern ‘Attitude’ of the Tort Law,” *Widener Law Journal*, Vol. 23, No. 1, 2013

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mass Tort
- Appellate Litigation
- Oil and Gas
- Product Liability