



Michael S. Nelson

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OVERVIEW

Mr. Nelson practices in the area of complex commercial litigation, with a focus on commercial disputes, insurance coverage and consumer class action defense. Since he joined the firm in 1996, Mr. Nelson has represented clients in a variety of Uniform Commercial Code disputes, as well as contract actions and claims alleging business torts. Mr. Nelson has also represented policyholders in litigation over coverage for environmental and toxic tort liabilities and has worked to secure coverage in connection with mass tort bankruptcies. Mr. Nelson also represents manufacturers in the defense of consumer class action lawsuits and has significant experience representing clients in mediations and arbitrations, including NYSE, NASD and FINRA arbitrations.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Allegheny County Bar Association
- University of Pittsburgh Law Alumni Association Board of Governors (President-Elect)
- Woodland Hills Aquatic Team Board of Directors (Vice President)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, LITIGATING, SETTling & MANAGING ASBESTOS CLAIMS CONFERENCE, Preparing for the Onslaught of Silica Litigation, June 2006
- Speaker, NATIONAL SILICA CONFERENCE, Insurance Coverage for Silica Liabilities, September 2004

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 1996 (*Law Review*)
- B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 1993 (*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- May 2018, GC University - Session Two - Sexual Harassment and Social Media in the Workplace
- 28 September 2016, House Energy And Commerce Committee Calls For Modernizing The TCPA
- 17 May 2016, New York's Highest Court Issues a Noteworthy Decision, Rejecting "Pro Rata" Allocation in the Asbestos Bodily-Injury Context
- 29 September 2015, Better Late Than Never: The California Supreme Court Reverses Itself, Holding That Corporate Policyholders May Assign Insurance Rights Without Insurer Consent

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Better Late Than Never: The California Supreme Court Reverses Itself, Holding That Corporate Policyholders May Assign Insurance Rights Without Insurer Consent," *FC&S Legal*, 5 November 2015

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- Appellate Litigation
- Commercial Disputes
- International Arbitration
- Oil and Gas
- Restructuring and Insolvency

INDUSTRIES

- Aerospace
- Manufacturing