

Mark C. Hamilton

Attorney representing and advising clients in commercial, real estate, personal injury, energy, estate and ERISA litigation, as well as export compliance and licensing.

Mark concentrates his practice in general civil and commercial litigation, and regularly represents individuals in personal injury and estate litigation. Mark also represents union pension funds in delinquent contribution and withdrawal liability claims as a member of the firm's ERISA litigation group.

Prior to attending law school, Mark worked as a contract analyst, with a particular focus on compliance with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and Export Administration Regulations (EAR). While in law school, Mark served as a judicial extern to Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Mary Jane Bowes and U.S. District Court Judge Nora Barry Fischer.

Representative Experience

- Successful defense of executor in will contest trial before the Allegheny County Register of Wills. Obtained compulsory non-suit on behalf of respondent due to petitioner's failure to show that testator suffered from weakened intellect. Obtained summary judgment in companion trust action brought in Orphans' Court.
- Represented two major union pension funds in a complex action against a defunct employer's surety to recover significant amounts of delinquent contributions owed for work funneled through the employer's sham non-union company. This case was resolved with a favorable settlement following the conclusion of discovery and summary judgment briefing.
- Assisted in obtaining summary judgment and dismissal of plaintiff's claims of conspiracy, tortious interference, breach of contract and unjust enrichment in lawsuit concerning interpretation and negotiation of an oil and gas lease. This case created new law in Pennsylvania when the Superior Court affirmed the trial court's ruling that the non-attorney consultant engaged in the unauthorized practice of law through drafting and negotiating an oil and gas lease.
- Successful defense of elderly business owner in emergency capacity hearing brought by son following his termination from employment. Mark was able to have the petitioner's case dismissed on a non-suit for failure to establish incapacity or mental incompetence.
- Successfully represented a small manufacturer subject to investigation by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry & Security for a suspected Export Administration Regulations (EAR) violation.

Practice Areas

- Business & Finance
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Energy
- Estates & Trusts
- Import/Export Control & Compliance
- Labor & Employment
- Personal Injury
- Utilities Law
- Privacy, Data Security & Technology
- ERISA Litigation



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Awards + Recognition

- Wohlmuth Award for Outstanding Leadership, Jurist, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2009
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Neighborhood Legal Services, 2009
- Sutin Prize
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Young Lawyers Fellow

Professional + Community Affiliations

- Allegheny County Bar Association, Judiciary Committee Member, and Civil Litigation Section Council
- American Bar Association, Young Lawyer Division Spring 2014 Conference, Member, Host Committee
- 8th Air Force Historical Society, Western Pennsylvania Wing, Member
- Trout Unlimited, Penns Woods West Chapter, Member

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law (JD, *cum laude*)
 - Certificate in Civil Litigation
 - Pittsburgh Journal of Environmental and Public Health Law
 - Articles Editor JURIST Hotline, Senior Editor
- London School of Economics and Political Science
 - Masters of Science in History
- Miami University of Ohio (BA, *cum laude*)
 - History

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Languages

- French