



Patrick J. Hughes

Partner, Roseland, New York and Philadelphia Offices

Telephone: (973) 535-0500

Facsimile: (973) 535-9217

E-mail: phughes@connellfoley.com

Patrick J. Hughes represents businesses in diverse industries with commercial, product liability, mass tort, construction and insurance coverage litigation. He has tried more than fifty cases in state and federal courts, including several professional liability cases. Based upon his experience as a litigator, the Board of Trial Attorney Certification of the Supreme Court of New Jersey has designated Mr. Hughes a Certified Civil Trial Attorney.

Mr. Hughes also drafts, reviews and negotiates commercial transactions. He is adept at complex negotiations and assists clients in the chemical and energy industries in all phases of commercial contracts.

In addition to his trial and negotiation skills, Mr. Hughes is well-versed in compliance issues, providing counsel to health care clients subject to increasingly complex regulatory constraints and governmental scrutiny. In that capacity, Mr. Hughes has developed compliance programs for physicians' practices which address anti-referral, anti-kickback, privacy and other state and federal statutes and regulations. He also counsels health care practices regarding general corporate matters.

He began his career as a Captain in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, where Mr. Hughes was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division as a prosecutor and international law officer.

Published Decisions

- Weiss v. Goldfarb, 713 A.2d 427 (N.J. 1998)
Defended a medical center and its staff in a wrongful death, medical malpractice claim, where the Supreme Court upheld the trial court's denial of an ultimate outcome instruction requested by the plaintiff to inform the jury that any judgment against the hospital would be limited by statute.

Representative Experience

- Represents a specialty chemical manufacturer in toxic exposure cases brought in state courts by employees of various manufacturers;
- Represents a chemical manufacture in disputes regarding multiple complex long term contracts;
- Represents several manufactures in disputes regarding domestic and international sales;
- Represented a chemical manufacturer in various, periodic contract negotiations with major tire manufacturers;

Practice Areas:

Business Litigation
Product Liability and Tort Law
Mass Tort and Toxic Tort Litigation
Corporate Law and Transactions
Health Care and Medical Practice
Insurance Law

Admitted to Practice:

State of New Jersey
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
District of Columbia
State of New York
United States Supreme Court
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

Education:

Lafayette College (B.A., Government and Law, *cum laude*, 1981)
Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1984)

Affiliations:

American Bar Association
District of Columbia Bar
Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
New Jersey State Bar Association
Pennsylvania Bar Association
US Law Network

- Represents manufactures, distributors and facility owners in state and federal asbestos actions, including trial of a mesothelioma death case in federal court;
- Represented a flavor manufacturer in a commercial claim brought by a beverage manufacturer located in Central America, where much of the discovery occurred, to a successful resolution;
- Represented a construction chemicals manufacturer in an insurance coverage dispute, which resolved satisfactorily without the necessity of filing an action;
- Represented a construction company that prefabricated concrete for a bridge, seeking commercial damages from a general contractor in a federal court action, which resolved satisfactorily on the second trial day;
- Represents physician's practices in all phases of business, compliance and corporate matters.

Publications

- Co-Author, "Preventing Patient Dumping: EMTALA regulates hospitals' screening and transfer policies," published in the New Jersey Law Journal (July 16, 2007)
- Co-Author, "The Health Insurance Portability And Accountability Act's Privacy Rule," published in The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel (March 2003)

Professional Activities

- John C. Lifland American Inn of Court (Master and Executive Committee Member)
- Develops and Administers Connell Foley's accredited Continuing Legal Education Program (CLE)