



Practice Concentration

- Workers' Compensation Law
- Insurance Law; Litigation

Firm Involvement

- Shareholder
- Workers' Compensation Group, Chairman

Admissions & Certifications

- Pennsylvania, 1989
- U.S. District Court Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals 3d Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association; Workers Compensation Section, Chairman
- Pennsylvania Bar Association; Workers Compensation Section, Executive Council Member
- American Bar Association
- Dickinson School of Law, Class Agent
- Lake Erie Claims Association
- Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Bureau Conference, Planning Committee

Mr. Pentz practices in the area of workers' compensation representing employers and insurance carriers throughout Western Pennsylvania. His practice includes representing insured, self-insured, third party administrators and insurance carriers in all aspects of workers' compensation as well as counseling employers in ancillary workplace programs, return-to-work programs, accident investigation and accident prevention.

Education

- i The Dickinson School of Law, 1989, J.D.
Dickinson Journal of International Law (published), Member
- i Pennsylvania State University, 1986, B.S.
Pennsylvania State University Supreme Court, 1985, 1986

Recent Accomplishments

- i successfully defended a large manufacturer against a series of over 20 hearing loss cases brought on by union sponsored testing
- i obtained a defense verdict for the Commonwealth against a highly contested psychological injury claim involving over 25 witnesses
- i involved in extensive litigation for manufacturers in Northwest Pennsylvania that established the employer's right to use funded alternative employment for modified duty, reducing employer costs and providing an additional option in certain workers' compensation cases

Speaking Engagements

- i Speaker, Annual Workers' Compensation Bureau Conference in Hershey
- i Lorman, Workers' Compensation Update, 2007
- i Lorman, Advanced Workers' Compensation in Pennsylvania, 2006
- i Speaker, firm Litigation & Workers' Compensation Seminar
- i Speaker, firm Municipal Symposium
- i Multiple seminars for clients in-house, as well as for industry groups, manufacturing associations and civic groups
- i Workers' Compensation Update, Society of Healthcare Human Resource Professionals of PA
- i Managing Workers' Compensation Claims, Keystone Community Education Council

Community & Professional Service

- i United Way, Program Review Committee
- i Pennsylvania Defense Institute
- i Pennsylvania Self Insureds Association

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