



Athena O. Pappas, Esq.
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EXPERIENCE

Litigation Adjusters, Inc.

Claim Consultant January 2021-Present

- Monitor trials and attend mediations and court ordered settlement conferences.

DEASEY, MAHONEY & VALENTINI, LTD., PHILADELPHIA, PA

ASSOCIATE: MARCH 2009 - APRIL 2016, PARTNER: APRIL 2016 – DECEMBER 2020

- ❖ Founder and leader of the firm's Social Services and Human Services Claims Department
- ❖ Defended and crafted strategies for complex professional liability cases in state and federal court involving medical malpractice, catastrophic personal injury, sexual abuse, neglect, assault wrongful death, civil rights and contractual disputes, as well as conducted pre-suit investigations
- ❖ Represented licensed healthcare professionals in state disciplinary investigations
- ❖ Counseled clients on complying with HIPAA and various other federal and state statutes and regulations relating to confidentiality, privilege and privacy
- ❖ Advised clients on revising policies and procedures in order to minimize risk
- ❖ Primary counsel for a municipal authority in their general liability matters
- ❖ Drafted and argued motions, including appellate briefs
- ❖ Prepared and presented clients for depositions
- ❖ Deposed thousands of witnesses, including plaintiffs, co-defendants and fact witnesses
- ❖ Participated in mediations, settlement conferences and various court conferences
- ❖ Successfully negotiated resolutions in numerous high value cases
- ❖ Tried cases as first and second chair in both the court system and before administrative tribunals
- ❖ Served as a mentor to young associates in the firm

KANE, PUGH, KNOELL, TROY & KRAMER, LLP, NORRISTOWN, PA* **SEPTEMBER 2005 - FEBRUARY 2009*

- ❖ Medical malpractice defense associate
- ❖ Prepared physicians for depositions and deposed numerous witnesses, including plaintiffs, co-defendants and fact witnesses

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- ❖ Participated in mediations, settlement conferences and various court conferences
- ❖ Drafted and argued motions
- ❖ Coordinated expert review
- ❖ Prepared cases for trial

LAW LICENSES

- ❖ Pennsylvania
- ❖ New Jersey
- ❖ In the process of being admitted to the New York bar

HONORS

- ❖ Voted a Rising Star Attorney in Pennsylvania: 2010- 2020
- ❖ Elected to a three-year term on the Executive Committee for the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel

HOBBIES

- ❖ Volunteer with the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network: assisted in organizing annual 5K, recipient of the Philadelphia affiliate's inaugural Volunteer of the Year Award

EDUCATION

- ❖ ***Juris Doctorate, 2005***
Villanova University School of Law
- ❖ ***B.A. in Political Science (cum laude), 2002***
State University of New York, College at Geneseo