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Clients rely on Frank's trial experience – more than 70 cases tried to verdict in federal and state court and more than 50 cases tried to judgment before arbitration tribunals – in their most complex and challenging disputes.

### OVERVIEW

Frank focuses his practice on complex business and commercial disputes, insurance coverage, professional liability and malpractice, directors' and officers' liability, products liability, and intellectual property disputes.

Frank's clients include public and privately held companies, manufacturers, distributors, lawyers, accountants, their firms, technology vendors, and software designers. He also serves as national counsel for numerous national and international insurance companies.

Frank served as chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association and is a fellow of both the American College of Trial Lawyers and of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. For decades, *Best Lawyers in America* and *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* have identified Frank as an exceptional practitioner.

For over twenty years, the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* and *Benchmark Litigation* both have listed Frank as a litigation star.

Frank has tried more than seventy civil cases to jury, or judicial verdicts and more than fifty to arbitration awards. He has served as a judge pro tempore for the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas since the program commenced, a Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas arbitrator, and as a mediator for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of PA. He has been a member of the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; a member of the Civil Justice Advisory Group of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; and a member of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania's Committee on Gender and Racial Fairness. Frank has served as Pennsylvania state chair for the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society and lectures frequently for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Philadelphia Bar Association organizations, and the Inn of Court.

Frank has served as an arbitrator for the SEC, FINRA, and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and continues to serve as an arbitrator for the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, as well as a mediator for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the Commerce Program of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

In 1981, Frank co-founded the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP) and subsequently served as

chair of its board of directors. Philadelphia VIP annually provides \$3-4 million in free legal services to the indigent and more than \$100 million in such services since its inception.

Frank has led several professional and community organizations, including serving as Master of the Bench of the University of Pennsylvania Law School American Inn of Court. He served as president of The Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia; president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation; and president of the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel.

## AWARDS

- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*: Pennsylvania (2022-2023)
- *Benchmark Litigation*: "Local Litigation Star" in Pennsylvania (2021-2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America®*: Commercial Litigation (2006-2026)
- Elected as a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, which limits membership to 500 Fellows from the United States
- Selected as a local litigation star in Pennsylvania by *Benchmark Litigation*
- Highly ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, in commercial litigation
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

## TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Insurance + Reinsurance

## ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Consumer Financial Services
- Consumer Products
- Financial Services Litigation
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Litigation + Trial
- Pharmaceutical + Medical Device Litigation + Counseling
- Product Liability

## PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Philadelphia Bar Association
  - Chancellor, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1996
  - Chairman, Philadelphia Bar Association, Long Range Planning Council
  - Chair, Young Lawyers Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association
  - Recipient, Philadelphia Bar Association, Fidelity Award
  - Past president, Philadelphia Bar Foundation
  - Past chair, Philadelphia Bar Association, Ad Hoc Committee on Race, Gender and Ethnic Bias
  - Past co-chair, Committee to Promote Fairness in the Philadelphia Legal System

- Past member, Philadelphia Bar Association, Board of Governors
- Past member of the Philadelphia Bar Association Commission on Judicial Selection, Retention and Evaluation
- Member, House of Delegates, American Bar Association, 1999-2001
- Member, House of Delegates, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Past president, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Past co-chairman, Commission on Judicial Independence, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Co-founder and past chairman of the board, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program; recipient, Founders Award and Outstanding Leadership Award

## **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### **EDUCATION**

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, J.D., 1973, case and comment editor, *Villanova Law Review*; Recipient, 1973 Arthur Clement Polling Prize
- University of Pennsylvania, B.S., 1970

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of the United States