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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.

His clients include public and privately held companies, manufacturers, distributors, technology vendors, and software designers. He also serves as national counsel for numerous national and international insurance companies.

Frank was 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. Frank has been listed annually in the *Best Lawyers in America* and *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. He routinely has been selected for inclusion on the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* list and generally has been listed as a local litigation star in Pennsylvania in Benchmark Litigation.

He has served as a judge pro tempore for the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas since the program commenced. 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 Administrative Governing Board, Committee on Gender and Racial Fairness. He has served as Pennsylvania state membership chair for the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society.

He 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.

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 is a leader in a number of 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* "Rising Star" (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
- Securities Litigation

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
- Securities Litigation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Philadelphia Bar Association
 - Chancellor, 1996
 - Chairman, Long Range Planning Council
 - Recipient, Fidelity Award
 - Past president, Philadelphia Bar Foundation
 - Past chairman, Ad Hoc Committee on Race, Gender and Ethnic Bias
 - Past co-chairman, Committee to Promote Fairness in the Philadelphia Legal System
 - Past member of the board of governors
 - Past member of the Commission on Judicial Selection, Retention and Evaluation

- Past chairman of the Young Lawyers Section
- Member, House of Delegates, American Bar Association, 1999-2001
- Member, House of Delegates, 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*
- 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