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Anthony J. Rash is a shareholder and 25-year trial lawyer with Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. He has tried over 35 cases to verdict, principally in product liability and railroad litigation matters.

Mr. Rash is a senior member of the firm's Product Liability Group, which enjoys a "Best Law Firms" designation by *U.S. News and Best Lawyers* as a Pittsburgh Metropolitan Tier 1 law firm in the specialty area of Product Liability Litigation – Defendants. He represents national and international industrial, commercial, and consumer product manufacturers in personal injury and commercial litigation, as well as counseling manufacturers and retailers on product warnings, instructions, and commercial terms and conditions.

Mr. Rash also regularly represents Class I and Short Line carriers of freight and passengers by rail in Federal Employers' Liability Act and state tort claim litigation. He is the co-founder and a senior member of the Railroad Law, Litigation and Regulatory Counsel Group.

The breadth of Mr. Rash's practice encompasses representation of governmental agencies in civil rights litigation; defending a vast array of individual, business, and professional clients in insurance defense litigation; and providing legal consultation to non-profit entities.

Practice Focus

- Product Liability
- Railroad Law, Litigation and Regulatory Counsel

Professional Accomplishments

- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County
- AV Preeminent[®] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell[®] since 2004
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®]: 2013 "Lawyer of the Year" in Product Liability Litigation – Defendants for Pittsburgh
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] since 2012: Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*[®] 2014–2019
- Appointment as a director of a local government body

Representative Matters

- Defense verdicts for manufacturers in product liability lawsuits involving claims of defect in structural integrity, fluid dynamics, and electrical systems
- Defense verdicts for and dismissal of claims against manufacturers of climbing equipment and elevated working surfaces in product liability lawsuits involving claims of structural design and warning deficiencies
- Defense verdicts for and dismissal of claims against agricultural and industrial machinery manufacturers in product liability lawsuits involving entanglement-induced brain trauma and amputation injuries and allegations of insufficient guarding and warnings
- Defense verdicts for Class I railroads in Federal Employers' Liability Act lawsuits involving allegations of unsafe work environs, workplace practices, and rail equipment
- Dismissals of grade crossing and other trespasser-related death and amputation claims involving allegations of insufficient barricading or other protections of the public from railroad operations
- Dismissals of product liability lawsuits presenting allegations of inadequate warnings and successor liability
- Dismissal of a variety of product liability lawsuits for plaintiffs' failure to either adequately or competently evidence claims of mechanical and electrical design defect
- Numerous preemptive investigations of product and railroad-related accidents, resulting in potential claims not being filed against manufacturers or railroads

Speaking Engagements

- "Preparing for Product Liability Litigation" (Co-Presenter), Pennsylvania CLE, 10/9/2014
- "Choosing the Winning Theme and the Order of Witnesses with Sample Openings and Examinations" (Co-Presenter), Pennsylvania CLE, 3/28/2014
- "Effective Investigation of Train-Related Accidents" (Co-Presenter), National CLE for Claims Professionals, 9/11/2013
- "An Update on Strict Liability in State and Federal Court" (Co-Presenter), Pennsylvania CLE, 3/14/2013
- "Presenting and Defending Catastrophic Injury Claims" (Co-Presenter), Pennsylvania CLE, 10/20/2011
- "Product Law: What You Need to Know When a Claim is Filed Against Your Product" (Co-Presenter), Pennsylvania and West Virginia CLE, 11/13/2008

Publications

- "Off the Rails: Effective Investigation and Claims Administration of Train-Related Accidents," *Claims Management* magazine, Issue 1, Vol. 3, pp. 24–29, Jan. 2014
- "The Practice of Law Through the Looking Glass (or Pennsylvania Strict Liability Law in Federal Court)," *Strict Liability in State & Federal Court, Navigating the Maze of Uncertainty: Restatement (SECOND) or (THIRD)*, March 2013
- "Do You Know Whether Your Business is Facing Product Litigation," *TEQ Magazine*, May 2004
- "Uncivil Procedure: Are you paying for — or creating — 'discovery shenanigans?'," *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*, 4/8/2002
- "The Gardener Did It: An Irreverent Review of Irrelevance in Pennsylvania Product Liability Parlance," 5/14/2001

Admissions and Licenses

- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- Admissions to practice *pro hac vice* in numerous federal and state courts across the country

Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Claims and Litigation Management (CLM) Alliance
- Defense Research Institute
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- National Legal Aid & Defender Association
- Pennsylvania Defense Institute

Education

- The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University, J.D. (1989)
- Fordham University, B.A. (1986), Political Economics

