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John C. Conti is President and Chief Executive Officer at Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. He chairs the firm's Executive Committee and Medical Malpractice Defense Group. Mr. Conti is also admitted to practice in California and serves as the Managing Attorney of the firm's Los Angeles office. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers who specializes in the representation of hospitals and other health care providers, primarily in connection with the defense of professional negligence suits and related litigation. In over 35 years of practice, Mr. Conti has represented virtually every major health care institution in the region. This representation has included matters in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, and California.

In 2005, Mr. Conti was appointed Adjunct Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law where he taught a course on expert witnesses until 2014. He has also served as an expert witness in bad faith litigation. He is a licensed airplane pilot, holding multi-engine, instrument, and glider certifications.

Practice Focus

- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Professional Liability Defense

Professional Accomplishments

- American College of Trial Lawyers (Fellow), elected in 2014
- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County
- AV Preeminent[®] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell[®] since 2009
- Litigation Counsel of America[™], Trial Lawyer Honorary Society
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] since 2007: Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*[®] 2005, 2007–2019 and 2021–2022
- Adjunct Professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (2005–2014)

Representative Matters

- Tried over 175 cases to verdict during course of career
- Since 2007 received defense verdicts in 21 medical negligence jury trials, including death cases involving aortic dissection, myocardial infarction, stroke, pulmonary embolism, and acute coronary syndrome
- Litigation experience encompasses not only the full spectrum of professional negligence claims but also includes such diverse matters as breach of confidentiality, wrongful discharge, defamation, fraud, and cyber security
- Frequently called upon to represent hospitals in litigation arising from credentialing disputes and other peer review issues
- In addition to trial work, has overseen the successful appeals of well over a dozen matters, including obtaining Judgment N.O.V. of a \$2.5 million verdict (*Griffin v. UPMC*)
- Currently serving as lead counsel for the region's largest health care system, UPMC, in national litigation, including class actions, arising from Hepatitis C infections
- Currently serving as lead counsel in a series of lawsuits arising from a mass shooting at a psychiatric facility, Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic
- Served as an expert witness in bad faith litigation in lawsuits filed in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Michigan
- Represented one of the lead witnesses and first deponent in the NHL class action concussion litigation
- In 2017 received a precedent setting dismissal of a massive data breach class action on behalf of a major health care system (*Dittman v. UPMC*, 2017 PA Super 8 (Pa. Super. 2017))
- Currently serving as lead counsel in all concussion-related matters for UPMC, a nationally recognized center for concussion-related research and expertise

Speaking Engagements

- Served on the faculty of approximately 70 seminars for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute; frequent lecturer on all facets of professional negligence and related litigation
- "Cyber Security, Data Breaches and the Rise of the Dark Web" (Co-Presenter), ACC Pennsylvania CLE, 4/5/2016

Publications

- "The Opening Statement For the Defense" (Author), *California Litigation*, Vol. 30, No. 1, 2017, pp. 22–27
- *Matthew Bender's Federal Evidence Practice Guide* (Board of Editors for 5 years)
- "Trial Objections" (Chapter Author), *Litigation*, American Bar Association, p. 16, Fall 1987

Admissions and Licenses

- California Bar Admission (1985)
- Pennsylvania Bar Admission (1978)

Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association

- The State Bar of California

Education

- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D. (1978)
- University of Pittsburgh, B.A. (1975)

