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Joseph L. Luvara is a shareholder of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. and serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Education Law Group. He concentrates his practice in the area of civil litigation, with a particular emphasis in motor vehicle accident litigation, civil rights litigation, product liability litigation, school and municipal liability litigation, and insurance litigation, including bad faith litigation. He has litigated hundreds of cases in both federal and state courts and on both the trial and appellate levels.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Luvara served as a law clerk for Judge Joseph H. Ridge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. He is a former school teacher and was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship.

Practice Focus

- Education Law
- Insurance Law and Litigation
- Product Liability
- Transportation Law

Professional Accomplishments

- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell® since 2001
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: 2022 "Lawyer of the Year" in Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants for Pittsburgh
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2009: Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC)
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*® 2011–2016

Representative Matters

- Mr. Luvara successfully defended a Pennsylvania school district in a 3-week trial in which the plaintiff sued the school district, a Pennsylvania athletic association, and a Pennsylvania athletic league over a concussion sustained in a football practice 13 years prior to the trial. Plaintiff claimed that he has Traumatic Encephalopathy Syndrome (TES) and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE). The jury returned a verdict for all of the defendants after 2 hours of deliberation.

Speaking Engagements

- “COVID Vaccine Mandate Mania: Where Do We Go From Here?” (Co-Speaker), Education Law and Employment and Labor Law Podcast, *The DMC Report Podcast Series*, 1/21/2022
- Various lectures conducted for clients on topics ranging from insurance law issues to general litigation issues

Admissions and Licenses

- District of Columbia Bar Admission
- New York Bar Admission
- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- West Virginia Bar Admission
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Superior Court of the District of Columbia
- Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third and Fourth Circuits
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association (Civil Litigation Section)
- Claims and Litigation Management (CLM) Alliance
- Defense Research Institute
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Defense Institute

Community Involvement

- Youth Athletics Volunteer Coach

Education

- Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University, J.D. (1986), *cum laude*
- Fulbright-Hays Foundation Fellowship for Study in Italy (1979)
- Point Park University, B.A. (1971), History



