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Steven W. Zoffer is a shareholder and the Secretary and Treasurer of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote P.C. His practice focuses on business litigation, including the areas of technology, intellectual property, contracts/collection, general corporate law, higher education law, insurance company law, and franchise and appellate practice, with a particular emphasis in commercial litigation.

Mr. Zoffer chairs the firm's Commercial Law and Litigation Group, Corporate Services Group, Intellectual Property Law Group, Professional Liability Defense Group, and Technology Law Group. He provides litigation and non-litigation legal services to Pittsburgh, regional and national companies, including defending and pursuing lawsuits in the state and federal courts as well as providing various business agreements, employment contracts, consulting services, licensing, security, and joint venture agreements. He also conducts private and court-appointed mediations, which include successfully mediating multimillion-dollar commercial development disputes arising out of the Pittsburgh Southside Works Project.

Practice Focus

- Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Appellate
- Commercial Law and Litigation
- Corporate Services
- Insurance Law and Litigation
- Intellectual Property Law
- Professional Liability Defense
- Technology Law

Professional Accomplishments

- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell® since 2009
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: 2022 "Lawyer of the Year" in Litigation – Environmental for Pittsburgh and 2019 "Lawyer of the Year" in Litigation – Real Estate for Pittsburgh
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2006: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Environmental, and Litigation – Real Estate

- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*® 2004, 2008–2010 and 2013–2020
- America's Most Honored Professionals Award
- American Registry of Outstanding Professionals

Representative Matters

- Jury defense verdict obtained on behalf of national educational institution in mass tort claim involving multiple deaths and significant personal injuries
- Successfully obtained summary judgment and dismissal of university in on-campus shooting incident involving multiple plaintiffs
- Representation of universities and colleges in negligence, employment and tenure cases
- Obtained jury defense verdict on behalf insurance carrier in bad faith litigation
- Defense jury verdict on behalf of a municipal entity in construction litigation
- Jury defense verdict obtained in franchise litigation on behalf of oil and gas company
- Multi-million dollar judgment obtained on behalf of class action plaintiffs in oil and gas securities dispute
- Achieved multi-million dollar settlement on behalf of insurance carrier in a successor liability litigation matter involving multiple insureds
- Successful defense and resolution of significant contract claims on behalf of technology-based business
- Prosecution of intellectual property claims on behalf of national food and beverage distribution company
- Successful defenses and resolutions on behalf of national manufacturing companies, as well as international manufacturers
- Obtained favorable jury verdict in multi-million dollar liability case involving business torts on behalf of international conglomerate/electric services provider
- Successful prosecution of breach of contract claim on behalf of local manufacturing entity against international software manufacturer

Speaking Engagements

- “Commercial Litigation in a Brave New World” (Moderator/Presenter); Colorado, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and West Virginia CLE; 4/27/2023
- "Commercial Litigation and the Vexatious Litigant" (Moderator/Presenter), Pennsylvania CLE, 11/14/2019
- “The Legal Issues Making Headlines - Key Developments in Commercial Law and Litigation Updates” (Co-Presenter), DMC Commercial Law and Litigation Group CLE Seminar, 11/20/2014
- “Commercial Litigation: Strategies and Objectives” (Co-Presenter), Pennsylvania CLE, 10/17/2013

Publications

- *The National Journal of Environmental Regulation*; *Property and Casualty Insurance Magazine*; and *Insurance Advocate*® (Contributing Author)

Admissions and Licenses

- District of Columbia Bar Admission
- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Third and Fourth Circuits
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York

Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- National Association of College and University Attorneys
- Pittsburgh Technology Council

Community Involvement

- Allegheny County District Attorney's Office – Appellate Division, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1989-1990)
- Harmony Hospice Foundation (Board Member)
- Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office (1990–1991)
- The Pennsylvania State University College of Liberal Arts (Board Member)
- U.S. Attorney General's Office – Special Prosecutions Division (1988)
- U.S. Department of Justice: Board of Immigration Appeals, Washington D.C. (1989)

Education

- Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University, J.D. (1991); *Juris Law Journal* (Editor-in-Chief); recipient of “Most Distinguished Student” award in graduating class
- The Pennsylvania State University, B.A. (1988), Political Science/Business
- The American University/Pre-Law Program



