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Timothy D. Rau is a principal of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. He concentrates his practice in the areas of asbestos, civil litigation, general liability, insurance defense, Jones Act, and maritime law, with a particular emphasis in toxic tort law.

Mr. Rau has worked in Philadelphia for the last 25 years as an attorney who has primarily handled the defense of cases filed in state and federal courts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York through all phases of litigation. He has extensive experience handling matters from intake through discovery, expert witness development, trial, and post-trial motions. Matters he has handled include those involving complex allegations related to latent diseases from toxic exposures, product liability claims against manufacturers, wrongful death claims, injuries caused by premises owners, and general negligence claims. A member of The Maritime Law Association of the United States (“MLA”), Mr. Rau has defended claims based on vessel seaworthiness, Jones Act, cargo loss, and property damage. He also routinely sits as an arbitrator and volunteers as a Judge Pro Tem for the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County to assist other attorneys in resolving their cases.

Practice Focus

- Insurance Law and Litigation
- Toxic Tort

Professional Accomplishments

- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*[®] – *Rising Stars* 2008

Representative Matters

- Defense verdict in wrongful death case in Philadelphia County which it was alleged that the plaintiff/decedent's esophageal cancer and subsequent death was caused by his exposure to asbestos
- Defense verdict after two phases of a reverse bifurcated trial in Philadelphia County where the plaintiff was found by the jury to have asbestosis, but Mr. Rau's client's product was found to have not caused the plaintiff's disease
- Defense verdicts in two cases tried simultaneously where the plaintiffs each alleged they had contracted symptomatic asbestosis as a result of exposure to asbestos
- Marine vessel negligence verdict affirmed on appeal: *Kindermann v. Cunningham*, 2015 Pa. Super. 30
- Experience for the past 15 years in the handling of marine and maritime cases, including Jones Act cases, toxic exposures involving seamen, cargo loss claims as subrogor and subrogee, and barge loss property damage claims

- Handled matters involving premises liability at ports and property damage claims related to construction activities including a case involving property damage at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard where the alleged damages exceeded \$50 million
- Defended cases involving personal motor craft liability and product liability including a case which involved two fatalities
- Handled lawsuits for injuries which occurred aboard commercial entertainment vessels including claims related to defects on the vessel and one claim for liquor liability which resulted in a plaintiff who was a quadriplegic as a result of the client's alleged liability
- Premises liability verdict in Philadelphia where the plaintiff alleged permanent injury and total disability from work after a fall on the property owned and managed by Mr. Rau's client. After demanding in excess of \$2.5 million prior to trial and alleging over \$1 million in past and future wage loss, the jury awarded the plaintiff less than \$100,000.

Publications

- "Liability for Replacement Parts in a Post-Tincher World" (Author), *The Legal Intelligencer* – Products Liability Supplement, 1/26/2016, p. 6

Admissions and Licenses

- New Jersey Bar Admission
- New York Bar Admission
- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- The Maritime Law Association of the United States

Community Involvement

- Ironbridge Charity Group (Board of Directors)

Education

- Rutgers University School of Law – Camden, J.D. (1999)
- James Madison University, B.A. (1996), *cum laude*, English, minor in Business

