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**FIFTEEN DICKIE, McCAMEY & CHILCOTE LAWYERS  
HONORED AS "2012 PENNSYLVANIA SUPER LAWYERS"**

Fifteen lawyers from the Pittsburgh-based law firm of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. have been recognized as *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*® by a vote of attorneys statewide.

Only five percent of all lawyers in Pennsylvania receive this distinction, which is made annually.

The following Dickie McCamey shareholders, all from the firm's Pittsburgh office, were named *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* for 2012:

- Frederick W. Bode, III
- Charles G. Brown
- Howard A. Chajson
- William D. Clifford
- John C. Conti
- Richard J. Federowicz
- Christopher T. Lee
- Joseph L. Luvara
- Robert J. Marino
- Thomas H. May
- James R. Miller
- Wilbur McCoy (Joe) Otto
- W. Alan Torrance, Jr.
- John Edward Wall
- Nancy R. Winschel

"As one of the leading law firms in the mid-Atlantic region, we are very pleased to see so many of our attorneys being recognized for their outstanding work," said Jeffrey T. Wiley, chief operating officer and managing director of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. "To have so many of our shareholders named as *Super Lawyers* every year is a reflection of their great work on behalf of clients and the reason behind our many years of success."

Each attorney will be acknowledged in the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* publication as well as *Philadelphia* magazine later this year.

A short biographical summary of each attorney follows:

**Frederick W. Bode, III** serves on the firm's Executive Committee and concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial litigation, product liability, health care litigation, and technology matters. Besides being a member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, Mr. Bode is active in the Product Liability

Advisory Council (PLAC), the Defense Research Institute (Products Liability Sub-Committee), and the Pennsylvania Defense Institute (PDI). He has been named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the fields of commercial litigation, product liability law, and medical malpractice law. Mr. Bode graduated with honors from Grove City College with a bachelor of arts in economics and history. He later received his law degree from the University of Akron.

He has been selected five times for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* in the area of business litigation. For the past ten years, he has maintained an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

**Charles G. Brown** is chair of the Workers' Compensation Group and chair of the Medicare Compliance Group. In his practice, he handles workers' compensation cases for employers, workers' compensation insurance carriers, and third-party administrators. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Association for Self Insureds as well as the National Council for Self Insureds. He is also a member of the Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania. Mr. Brown graduated from Franklin & Marshall College with a bachelor of arts in political science and later received his law degree from Duquesne University.

Since 2001, Mr. Brown has been listed in each edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Workers' Compensation Law – Employers, and has been named in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* each year since 2005.

**Howard A. Chajson** concentrates his practice in the area of civil litigation, with a particular emphasis in medical malpractice defense. He also practices in the area of appellate law.

He has also been named previously in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*® and maintains an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Chajson graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business with a bachelor of science in economics. He then received his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, graduating *cum laude* and *Order of Barristers*.

**William D. Clifford** is chair of the firm's Construction Law Group and Alternate Dispute Resolution Group and concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial, construction, and surety law. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Clifford served as a law clerk for Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Rolf Larsen. He is past-chair of the Allegheny County Bar Association – Construction Section and serves as an adjunct professor at the Duquesne University School of Law. He graduated from Bucknell University with a bachelor of science in business administration and later received his law degree from Duquesne University, *cum laude*.

Mr. Clifford has been named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the fields of commercial litigation and construction law, *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*, and *Best of the U.S.* Additionally, he maintains an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

**John C. Conti** is co-chair of the firm's Medical Malpractice Group and a member of the Executive Committee. He specializes in the representation of health care providers, primarily in connection with the defense of professional negligence suits and related litigation. He is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, as well as a member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County. He has also been named previously in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the fields of medical malpractice law and personal injury law. Additionally, he maintains an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. After receiving his bachelor of arts from

the University of Pittsburgh, Mr. Conti received his law degree from the Duquesne University School of Law.

**Richard J. Federowicz** concentrates his practice in the areas of health care law, commercial litigation, and estate planning and administration. He has tried a wide variety of cases with a particular emphasis in medical malpractice. Additionally, he has been named in the current edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of medical malpractice law – defense and maintains an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Federowicz graduated from Lehigh University with a bachelor of science in international relations and history and received his law degree from Duquesne University.

**Christopher T. Lee** is the founder and chair of the Food and Beverage Industry Practice Group and a member of the firm’s Executive Committee. He concentrates his practice in the areas of food and beverage liability, commercial law and litigation, and toxic tort law. He has also represented a national quick-service restaurant in connection with a shooting spree where five people were shot and three were killed. He is a frequent lecturer having made presentations on food-borne illness claims, handling large food-borne outbreaks, nutritional labeling, valuing serious cases, discovery practices and procedures, and security issues involving restaurants. He has also been named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of personal injury litigation – defense and maintains an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Lee graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1988 with a bachelor of arts in political science and business. He received his law degree from Duquesne University School of Law, *cum laude*. While at Duquesne, Mr. Lee served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Law Review*.

He has been selected five times for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*.

**Joseph L. Luvara** is chair of the firm’s Family Law Practice Group and concentrates his practice in the area of civil litigation, with a particular emphasis in automobile accident litigation, product liability litigation, school and municipal liability litigation, family law, 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. Mr. Luvara has been named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of personal injury litigation. He also maintains an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Mr. Luvara earned a bachelor of arts in history from Point Park College. He later received his law degree from Duquesne University School of Law in 1986, *cum laude*.

**Robert J. Marino** concentrates his practice in the areas of insurance bad faith/coverage litigation, professional malpractice, premises liability, legal malpractice, and product liability law. He is chair of the firm’s Insurance Law and Litigation Practice Group. Mr. Marino has been named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of personal injury litigation each year since 2006. In 2008, he was elected and inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has also been elected and inducted into the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County. Additionally, he maintains an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. After receiving his bachelor of arts in journalism, *cum laude*, from Duquesne University, Mr. Marino received his law degree, *cum laude*, from the Duquesne University School of Law.

He has been selected seven times for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*.

**Thomas H. May** chairs the firm's Employment and Labor Law Group. He concentrates his practice in the areas of employment and labor law and civil rights. For the past twenty-five years, Mr. May has been litigating before administrative agencies such as the EEOC and NLRB and in state and federal courts. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. May served as a Manager of Labor Relations for Ampco-Pittsburgh Corporation. After receiving his bachelor's degree in criminology, *magna cum laude*, from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Mr. May graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Mr. May is named in *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> in the field of labor and employment law and maintains an AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. This is the sixth time he has been selected for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*.

**James R. Miller** is the president and chief executive officer of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. He concentrates his practice in the areas of toxic tort law, medical malpractice, and product liability law. Mr. Miller has been on the forefront of defending paint companies and others in major toxic tort litigation alleging injuries caused by various substances, including lead, solvents, isocyanates, benzene, and vinyl chloride. In addition, Mr. Miller has practiced extensively in medical malpractice cases, defending many physicians in the Pittsburgh area. He graduated from New York University with a bachelor of arts in history. He received his law degree from Duquesne University School of Law in 1972 where he was a member of the *Law Review*.

Mr. Miller is honored by having been elected by his peers to the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County. He has also been named in *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> every year since 1993. *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> has also recently named Mr. Miller as "Personal Injury Litigation Lawyer of the Year" for Pittsburgh. Additionally, he has been selected for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* every year since 2004 and maintains an AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

**Wilbur McCoy (Joe) Otto** is the former chairman and CEO of the firm. He currently chairs the firm's practice in Medical Professional and General Liability Litigation and Health Law, including Self Insurance/Captive/RRG Company establishment and management for hospitals and physicians. He is a fellow in the International Society of Barristers and the ABA Foundation, and past president of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County. He serves as Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh's School of Health Professions, and has served as adjunct faculty member for Trial Advocacy Institutes at the University of Michigan, University of Pittsburgh, and Duquesne Law School. Mr. Otto was the first trial lawyer in the United States to utilize video testimony in civil jury trials. He previously served as Captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corps and Assistant Professor of Law, U.S. Military Academy at West Point between 1961 and 1965.

Mr. Otto is listed among *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> in the fields of insurance law, medical malpractice law, and personal injury litigation. Additionally, he maintains an AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been selected seven times for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*.

**W. Alan Torrance, Jr.** concentrates his practice in the areas of business torts and commercial litigation with a particular emphasis in construction and surety law. His experience includes representation of owners, contractors, design professionals, suppliers, and sureties in private and publicly-funded projects. He has served as both an arbitrator and mediator of construction disputes involving owners, design professionals, and contractors. Mr. Torrance is Dickie McCamey's marketing director overseeing more than 140 lawyers throughout ten offices in six states and serves on the firm's Executive Committee.

He also maintains an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized as one of the *Best Lawyers in America*® and selected for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* in the area of construction law. He holds a bachelor of arts in economics from Washington and Jefferson College and a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

**John Edward Wall** concentrates his practice in the area of civil litigation. A member of the Pennsylvania Defense Institute, Mr. Wall has also served as president and was the recipient of the PDI Defense Lawyer of the Year Award. He is also a member of the Defense Research Institute, National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, and Fellow: American College of Trial Lawyers. Mr. Wall graduated from Clarion University and received his law degree from Duquesne University School of Law where he was article editor of the *Law Review*.

Mr. Wall has been selected for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*®. He also maintains an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

**Nancy R. Winschel** concentrates her practice in the area of civil litigation and chairs the firm's Product Liability Group. She is an elected member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County. ALM has selected her as a "Top Rated Lawyer" in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Additionally, she has been named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of personal injury litigation and product liability litigation and maintains an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Ms. Winschel graduated *cum laude* from Pennsylvania State University and received her law degree from Duquesne University where she served on the *Law Review*.

This is the sixth time that Ms. Winschel has been selected for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* in the area of Civil Litigation Defense, where she is one of only two female lawyers recognized in this category who practices in Western Pennsylvania.

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**About Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.**

Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. is a nationally-recognized litigation firm providing comprehensive legal expertise, as well as non-litigation services, in a multitude of practice areas. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, and founded more than 100 years ago, the firm has grown to include offices in Charlotte, NC; Columbus, OH; Haddonfield, NJ; Harrisburg, PA; Philadelphia, PA; Raleigh, NC; Steubenville, OH; Wheeling, WV; and Wilmington, DE, to serve industry-leading clients across the country.

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