



Brian's successful trial experience over the last 20 years in Philadelphia County and other venues includes:

- Jury defense verdicts in multiple retail and premises liability claims;
- Jury defense verdicts in multiple elevator accident claims;
- Jury defense verdicts in product liability claims involving allegedly defective equipment, facility structures and elevator systems; and
- Jury defense verdicts in medical malpractice, Maritime and motor vehicle claims.

Brian manages a multi-state litigation team of attorneys for a Fortune 500 company's portfolio of premises and property claims for the Mid- Atlantic region.

Brian also serves as general counsel for the Elevator Contractors' Council of Associated Builders & Contractors.

Brian is a Martindale-Hubbell "AV Preeminent" rated lawyer and been selected as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer every year since 2010.

## Experience

Obtained a jury defense verdict for an elevator contractor after a passenger alleged an elevator malfunction caused extensive personal injuries and total disability; after a six-day trial, the Philadelphia jury rejected the plaintiff's claim and found in favor of the elevator contractor.

Obtained a jury defense verdict for a manufacturer in a suit alleging defective design and installation of a parking booth that collapsed on the plaintiff at a major sports-entertainment arena. Damages claimed exceeded \$5 million but a Philadelphia jury found the booth manufacturer not liable. Jury found in favor of Brian's physician client.

## Practice Areas

- Manufacturing
- Retail
- Staffing Companies, Employment Agencies and PEOs
- Transportation

## Education

- University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D., 1990
- Bucknell University, B.A., 1984

## Admission

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- New York

## Court Admissions

- United States District Court Eastern, Middle & Western Districts of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court District of New Jersey
- United States Court of Appeals Third Circuit
- United States Supreme Court



Obtained a jury defense verdict for a contractor responsible for maintaining an elevator whose machinery allegedly severely shocked a passenger, permanently disabling her. After a seven-day trial, the Philadelphia jury found that Brian's client was not negligent.

Obtained a jury defense verdict for a national fitness center against claims that it had not properly moored and stabilized equipment and that its instructor had not provided proper direction on machine use; the jury rejected the plaintiff's contention that the failures had led to her knee surgery and inability to work.

Obtained a jury defense verdict for a national port terminal operator sued for personal injuries sustained by a longshoreman during vessel unloading. The alleged incident caused him to sustain multiple surgeries and three years of total disability. After a five-day trial, the federal jury found in favor of Brian's client.

Obtained a jury defense verdict for an elevator service contractor after its elevator doors closed on the plaintiff necessitating arm surgery and permanently disabling her. After a seven-day trial, the Philadelphia jury found in favor of the elevator service contractor.

Obtained a jury defense verdict for a medical doctor sued for allegedly failing to predict and diagnose a stroke which left plaintiff totally disabled. After a two-week trial, a Philadelphia jury found in favor of Brian's physician client.

Obtained a jury defense verdict for a national restaurant chain whose waitress had spilled hot coffee on the lap of a customer, who claimed resulting massive skin burns and total disability. After a six-day trial, a Philadelphia federal jury found in favor of Brian's client.

### Professional Community

- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC)
- Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel (PADC)
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Associated Builders and Contractors, Elevator Contractors's Council

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