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For most of his professional life, John W. McCandless has represented injured victims of automobile, truck, boating and motorcycle accidents, dangerous products, dangerous roads and highways, work place accidents, dangerous premises and professional negligence. Due to his background with a national property and casualty insurance company, he also has a special interest in representing people who are the victims of insurance "bad faith." His practice also includes commercial, contract and subrogation litigation, medical malpractice defense, and other, general civil litigation matters.

Areas of Practice

- 50% Personal Injury - Plaintiff
- 20% Commercial Litigation
- 10% Dangerous Products - Plaintiff
- 5% Insurance Bad Faith- Plaintiff
- 10% Other Civil Litigation
- 5% Medical Malpractice Defense

Litigation Percentage

- 100% of Practice Devoted to Litigation

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1978
- U.S. District Court Western District of Pennsylvania, 1978
- U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit, 1994

Education

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

J.D. - 1978

Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin

B.A. *magna cum laude* - 1974

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa

Major: Theatre Arts

Representative Cases

Schauer v. Fid. Sec. Life Ins. Co., 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 31394, 1 (W.D. Pa. Mar. 13, 2015)

Adames v. Top Line Rests., Inc., 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 143652, 1 (W.D.N.Y. Oct. 6, 2014)

Weilacher v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 65 A.3d 976, 978, 2013 Pa. Super. LEXIS 289, 1, 2013 PA Super 97, 2013 WL 1775649 (Pa. Super. Ct. 2013)

Port Erie Plastics, Inc. v. Uptown Nails, LLC, 350 F. Supp. 2d 659, 660, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26084, 1 (W.D. Pa. 2004)

Classes/Seminars

Navigating Head Injury, Erie Co. Bar Association, 2000

Professional Associations and Memberships

Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member, 1978 - Present

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Member, 1987 - Present

Erie County Bar Association, 1987 - Present

Erie County Bar Association, Civil Rules Committee, 2000 - 2007

Erie County Bar Association, Civil Litigation Section, Civil Rules Subcommittee, 2007 - 2008

Allegheny County Bar Association, 1978 - 2014

American Inns of Court, Master, 2001 - Present

Northwestern Pennsylvania Inn of Court, 2001 - Present

Northwestern Pennsylvania Inn of Court, President, 2011 - 2013

Past Employment Positions

Swensen, Perer & McCandless, Partner, 1987 - 2002

Nationwide Insurance Company, Claims Attorney, 1984 - 1987

Stokes, Lurie & Tracy, Associate, 1978 - 1984

Languages

French
