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Timothy J. Abeel is the Chair of Rawle & Henderson's Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Section. Mr. Abeel focuses his trial practice on the defense of transportation companies and their insurers. He is admitted to practice in all the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania, as well as the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits and the Supreme Court of the United States. He has been admitted to the state and federal courts of New Jersey and Delaware *pro hac vice* since 1982.



Mr. Abeel graduated, *magna cum laude*, from the State University of New York at Albany in 1972. He received his law degree from the Temple University School of Law in 1976. He is a recipient of the Justice Lewis F. Powell Award from the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Frank Edward Roda Memorial Award from the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association for Excellence in Advocacy.

Mr. Abeel was a founding member of the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA) and he served as its President in 2000-2001. For nine years, he was a member of the Board of Directors of TIDA. He was the Editor of the **TIDA Newsletter** for 24 years, from TIDA's founding in 1993 through 2017. In 2005, TIDA presented him with the John T. Biezup Memorial Service Award for his dedication and service to the trucking industry. He was honored at the 2019 TIDA Annual Seminar in Tampa, Florida, for his distinguished service and outstanding contribution to the trucking defense industry and to TIDA as an editor of the **TIDA Newsletter** for 24 years.



Mr. Abeel publishes the *Transportation Law Update* newsletter as a service to his clients and others in the industry. The newsletter provides timely articles on new trends in the law and the potential impact of these developments on litigation involving the transportation industry. Additionally, he maintains on the Firm's website *State Law Summaries* for *Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey & Delaware* which highlight laws in those states that affect commercial motor vehicles operating in those jurisdictions. For more information or to be added to the CMV mailing list, contact him at tabeel@rawle.com.

Mr. Abeel has been rated an AV Preeminent attorney by Martindale-Hubbell. He was listed in the 2015 edition of *Philadelphia's Top Rated Lawyers*. He was selected as a Pennsylvania **Super Lawyer** for the 16th consecutive year in 2019.

BAR ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania, 1976

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits

U.S. District Court (Pennsylvania) Eastern, Middle and Western Districts

New Jersey and Delaware (Admissions since 1982)

EDUCATION:

Temple University School of Law, (J.D. 1976)

Recipient: Associate Justice Powell Award for Excellence in Advocacy by
American College of Trial Lawyers

Recipient: Frank Edward Roda Memorial Award for Excellence in Advocacy
by Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers' Association

Recipient: Temple University School of Law Moot Court Award by Temple
University Law Alumni Association

State University of New York at Albany, (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1972)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

President (2000-2001) and Board of Directors (1994-2003), Trucking
Industry Defense Association (TIDA) (Founding Member)

Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA) Endowment Committee
Member



Editor, *Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA) Newsletter*
(1993-2017)

Transportation Lawyers Association (TLA)

American Bar Association Transportation Litigation Committee

United Motorcoach Association

American Trucking Association (ATA) Litigation Center

American College of Transportation Attorneys (ACTA) (Founding
Member)

Philadelphia Bar Association

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

Editor, *Trucking Industry Defense Association E-Newsletter* (TIDA),
1993-2017

Speaker, 13th Annual Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)
Seminar, Las Vegas, October, 2005

Co-Author, *Punitive Damages: Production of Financial Records*, **Committee
News**, Tort, Trial & Insurance Practice Committee, American Bar
Association, Spring 2005

Author, *Upstate New York: Case Reviews*, **Trucking Law Update**, Vol. VI,
No. 6, 2005

Co-Author, *Ohio- Punitive Damages*, **TIDA Newsletter**, Spring 2005

Co-Author, *Who is Mary Carter?*, **The Transportation Lawyer**, Vol. 7, No.
1, July 2005

Speaker, American Trucking Association (ATA) Litigation Center Forum
for Motor Carrier General Counsels, Vail, CO, 2004

Author, *Insurance Coverage for Punitive Damages*, **The Transportation
Lawyer**, Vol. 5, No. 4, Feb., 2004

Co-Author, *You've Got Mail*, **The Transportation Lawyer**, Vol. 5, No. 5,
April, 2004

Co-Author, *Limited Applicability of New Jersey "Loading & Unloading"
Doctrine Affirmed*, **The Transportation Lawyer**, Vol. 6, No 2,
October 2004

Author, *TIDA: Claims in the Real World*, **Trucking Law Update**, Vol. V,
No. 14, 2004

Author, *Loading and Unloading Doctrine Narrowed*, **TIDA Newsletter**, Spring,
2003



- Speaker, Vanliner Insurance Company Annual Loss Prevention/Cost Containment Seminar, Langhorne, PA, 2003
- Author, *Unfavorable Venue for Trucking Companies*, **TIDA Newsletter**, Summer, 2003
- Author, *The Future of Trucking Litigation?*, **The Transportation Lawyer**, Vol. 5, No. 1, July, 2003
- Speaker, Great West Risk Management Annual Transportation Conference, Tampa, FL, 2002
- Speaker, Vanliner Insurance Company Annual Loss Prevention/Cost Containment Seminar, Elmhurst, NY, 2002
- Author, *Reliability of Plaintiff's Experts Should be Challenged Prior to Trial*, **TIDA Newsletter**, Summer, 2001
- Author, *Carmack Amendment: Personal Injuries Claim Dismissed*, **TIDA Newsletter**, Winter, 2001.