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**William J. Carr** dedicates his practice to the defense of clients facing catastrophic loss cases, including construction and industrial accidents, products liability, fires and explosions, and premises liability.

A significant portion of Bill's practice includes taking over and handling high exposure, catastrophic cases shortly before trial and many times after discovery has concluded. His proven track record in defending multi-million dollar cases provides our clients with confidence. Bill was part of the Catastrophic Loss team that defended the Tropicana Casino & Resort in litigation arising from multiple deaths caused by a parking garage collapse during construction which was part of a \$275 million expansion project in Atlantic City. He also sat second chair at trial in defense of Ride The Ducks International in a case which received national attention after a tug-driven barge overran and sunk a tourist duck boat on the Delaware River in Philadelphia killing two young people and injuring scores of others.

In addition, Bill has successfully represented individual physicians in the Phen-Fen mass tort litigation cases in Philadelphia County without settlement or payment being made on their behalf. He served as co-liaison counsel to the Medical Professional Liability Catastrophe Loss Fund on behalf of the individual healthcare provider defendants in the Phen-Fen mass tort litigation program in the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas.

Bill's prior work experience includes service as a litigation supervisor with the Medical Professional Liability Catastrophe Loss Fund (now known as the Mcare Fund), where he successfully negotiated and managed hundreds of high exposure medical malpractice cases. He also directed the mass tort litigation department including the pedicle bone screw and breast implant cases.



Bill is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University and holds a law degree from The Widener University School of Law, where he was Vice-President of the Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society, representing Widener University at national trial advocacy competitions. He was also an editor of *The Widener Law Forum*.

Bill was selected as a 2019 **Pennsylvania Super Lawyer** by *Super Lawyers*, a program of Thomson Reuters.

**Selected Representative Matters:**

*Trash truck, products liability, wrongful death (Philadelphia County, PA)* – Sat second chair in the defense of an international trash truck manufacturer in a jury trial where a 42-year-old man jumped off the back of an allegedly defective truck and sustained head injuries resulting in death. Retained less than 90 days before trial with a demand of \$7.5 million. After an 8-day trial, a Philadelphia jury returned a defense verdict.

*Medical malpractice, burns (Bergen County, NJ)* – After five days of trial, Bill successfully obtained a non-suit on behalf of the client, a certified circulating nurse in the operating room. Plaintiff allegedly sustained second and third degree burns on his buttocks as a result of heat packs applied in the recovery area following his surgical procedure (fluoroscopy, caudal epidurogram, caudal epidural steroid injection, sarafin injection blocks and sacroiliac joint arthrogram and injection block), which was performed under IV sedation anesthesia.

*Construction, crane, wrongful death (Philadelphia County, PA)* – In a case involving the death of a truck driver at a pre-fabricated concrete panel plant, a 90-ton mobile crane tipped over while loading a 23,000 lb. concrete slab onto a flat-bed trailer thereby crushing the cab of the truck. Extensive discovery exposed deficiencies in the safety policies and procedures created by non-parties at the site which were key factors in the circumstance giving rise to the accident. The case resolved on the first day of trial for \$2.2 million, which was a drastic reduction in the pre-trial settlement demand of \$15 million.

*Automobile accident, independent contractor liability, traumatic brain injury (New Castle County, Delaware)* – The Catastrophic Loss team was retained after the conclusion of discovery in a case involving a head-on automobile collision with a construction vehicle resulting in the traumatic brain injury and permanent disability of plaintiff. The case involved significant legal issues surrounding the actions of an independent contractor, including control over the means and methods of the work to be performed, respondeat superior, and the imputation of liability to another party.



Plaintiff's pre-trial settlement demand was \$15 million. The case resolved shortly before trial for \$1.6 million.

*Medical malpractice, ob/gyn, cerebral palsy (Philadelphia County, PA)* – Plaintiff alleged obstetric malpractice as a result of a cesarean section which allegedly caused brain damage, neurological problems and cerebral palsy of the child. Our client, an ob/gyn, was dismissed, without payment, prior to trial in a case that ultimately settled for \$3.5 million on behalf of other defendants.

*Product liability, paraplegia (Philadelphia County, PA)* – The Catastrophic Loss team was retained shortly before trial in a product liability case in which the plaintiff had been rendered paraplegic. Plaintiff was injured after hitting a patch of grass while sliding down a hill and being thrown off the client's snow tube. The pre-trial settlement demand was \$7.5 million. After seriously undermining the scientific basis of plaintiff's theories, the case resolved prior to jury selection for \$450,000.

*Construction, fall, paraplegia (Philadelphia County, PA)* – Bill assisted in the defense of a case involving a 37 year old plaintiff who fell from a residential construction site and was rendered a paraplegic with chronic, unremitting pain. Plaintiff demanded \$37.5 million but, during the defendant's case-in-chief, the case settled before a Philadelphia jury in the amount of \$8 million.

**Board Appointments/Community Service:**

Class Representative on the Board of Trustees of Roman Catholic High School, Philadelphia.

Executive Board Member of the 1100 member Horsham Little League.

Sponsor of the Reading Olympics Team at Pennypack Elementary School in interscholastic competitions.

Youth baseball and basketball coach for more than 10 years including financial support through league sponsorship.

**Other Licenses & Professional Associations:**

Series 7 and Series 63 Securities License (inactive).

Formerly a Registered Representative with the New York Stock Exchange and the National Association of Securities Dealers.



**PRACTICE AREAS:**

Catastrophic Loss  
Medical Malpractice  
Health Law  
Casualty & Premises Litigation  
Maritime

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Pennsylvania, 1996  
New Jersey, 1996

**EDUCATION:**

Widener University School Of Law, (J.D., 1996)  
Editor, *The Widener Law Forum*  
Pennsylvania State University, (B.S., 1991)

**PERTINENT EXPERIENCE:**

Litigation Supervisor, Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania Medical Professional  
Liability Catastrophe Fund (Cat Fund)

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

Pennsylvania Bar Association  
Philadelphia Bar Association  
Philadelphia Brehon Society  
Formerly a Registered Representative With The New York Stock Exchange  
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