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John H. McCarthy is a partner in Rawle & Henderson's Philadelphia office. Mr. McCarthy graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1979. He received his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Villanova University in 1982 where he was an Associate Editor of the ***Villanova Law Review*** and the author of a case note, *Manifest Injustice Exception Used to Deny Retroactive Application of the 1978 Amendments to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA)*.

Mr. McCarthy concentrates his practice in the areas of premises liability, construction litigation and motor vehicle litigation. He has authored on the topic of the Peculiar Risk Doctrine Exception to the Rule of an Owner's Non-Liability in the context of personal injury construction related suits for the Pennsylvania Defense Institute. Mr. McCarthy serves as regional and local counsel for insured and self-insured clients including universities, colleges, general contractors, subcontractors, owners, convenience markets and hotels.

In 2016 he was elected to the National Association of Distinguished Counsel, an honor awarded to less than 1% of the defense counsel in the United States. He has been rated AV Preeminent by the Martindale-Hubbell Rating again in 2017, his 21st consecutive year of achieving this rating, and was listed in the 2012 edition of ***Philadelphia's Top Rated Lawyers***. He has repeatedly been recognized by the publishers of ***Law & Politics Magazine*** as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer since the program's inception in 2004.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Casualty & Premises Liability

Construction



BAR ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania, 1982
District of Columbia, 1982

COURT ADMISSIONS:

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION:

Villanova University (J.D., *cum laude*, 1982)
Associate Editor, ***Villanova Law Review***, 1981-1982
Casenote, *Manifest Injustice Exception Used to Deny Retroactive Application of the 1978 Amendments to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA)*
The Pennsylvania State University (B.A., 1979)

PUBLICATIONS:

Exceptions to Rule of Premises Owner's Non-Liability, ***Commercial Real Estate Quarterly, The Legal Intelligencer & Pennsylvania Law Weekly***, March 2001

Superior Court Contains Peculiar Risk Doctrine as Narrow Exception to General Rule of Non-liability of Premises Owner for Acts of its General Contractor, ***Counterpoint***, January 1994
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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Philadelphia Bar Association
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