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Practice Areas

Litigation

Business/Commercial

Construction

Injunctions and Equitable Claims

Probate, Estates, and Trust

Litigation

Creditor's Rights and Collections

Mr. Lautman is a trial attorney focusing on business, construction, collections, and probate, estate and trust litigation matters. Mr. Lautman routinely represents his clients in both federal and state court, along with private arbitration and mediation.

As part of his business litigation practice, Mr. Lautman frequently handles breach of contract claims, tort litigation claims, non-competition/non-solicitation matters, and shareholder disputes. As part of his construction law practice, Mr. Lautman frequently represents owners involving claims of defective construction; contractors in extra compensation and delay damages claim; and architects and engineers in design defect cases. Matt also assists all his construction clients, including design professionals, contractors, and suppliers in filing, when applicable, mechanic's lien claims or making claims through the CASPA and the PPA.

As part of his creditor's rights practice, Mr. Lautman consults with clients about their overall credit process and contracting documents. In this capacity, he seeks to improve efficiencies and develop practices and procedures that may increase the likelihood of payment or collection. He also pursues, when necessary, claims in court for his clients to recover money owed for goods provided or services rendered. Mr. Lautman routinely represents companies in adversary actions, including preference claims and fraudulent transfer claims.

In addition, Mr. Lautman frequently represents individuals in probate, estate and trust litigation matters in orphans' court. This work involves matters such as defending claims against an estate/trust, beneficiaries contesting wills and trusts, and principals and interested parties seeking accountings of the actions of an agent with a power of attorney.

Mr. Lautman is actively involved in community activities. In 2013, he began serving a six year term as a member of the council of trustees at Slippery Rock University. In 2016, he served as the chair of the SRU council of trustees. Furthermore, he established the Dr. Martin and Rena Lautman Memorial Scholarship in memory of his grandparents.

Beyond his involvement at SRU, Mr. Lautman is a former board member of the Oakland Planning and Development Corporation where he worked on rewriting their bylaws, a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association, and a graduate of the Leadership Developments Initiative.



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Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- State of West Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.
Class President
- Slippery Rock University, B.A.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Allegheny County Bar Association (Civil Litigation Section)
- Member, Former Chair, Council of Trustees, Slippery Rock University
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Oakland Planning and Development Corporation
- Graduate, Leadership Development Initiative XVII

Publications

- What Happens if an Insured Settles a Case Without the Consent of its Insurer?
- Know the 'American Rule'
Butler County Business News – August, 2015
- Step Aside Subcontractors, Open-Ended Mortgages Take Priority
- What do I do will all that “stuff” my tenant left behind?
- Legal Tools Used in the Collection of Construction Debt, Part I: Mechanic’s Lien Law
- Are You Your Mother’s Keeper?
- Joint and Several Liability Can Cost You More Than Your Fair
- Bankruptcy Preference Claims: Three Words You Don’t Want to Hear
- Attorney-Client Privilege

Presentations

- Contract Law for Design Professionals
- Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: Shaking Hands With the Rule
- Protect Your Business Now in Case a Customer Stops Paying Later
- Considerations When Dealing with a Distressed and/or Bankrupt Customer
- The Fair Share Act: How It Changes Comparative Negligence in Pennsylvania
- Mistakes that Cost your Business Money...and how to avoid them
- Construction Projects: On Time and On Budget

