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PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Advocacy
Insurance & Indemnification
Litigation
Public Entity Law

EDUCATION

B.S., College of Environmental Science
and Forestry, State University of New
York, 1999, *cum laude*

J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law,
2002, *cum laude*

Jason Attwood's practice focuses on civil litigation, representing both private and public entity clients. Jason has a broad range of insurance defense experience, including dram shop, products liability, personal injury, and premises liability matters. His experience representing public entity clients includes the defense of employment and civil rights actions, involving claims of discrimination and harassment, at both the trial and appellate levels.

Prior to joining Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, Jason was a partner at DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP. He is a graduate of the State University of New York's College of Environmental Science and Forestry, where he received his B.S. *cum laude* in 1999. He received his J.D. from Seton Hall Law School, also *cum laude*, in 2002, where he was an editor at the *Seton Hall Constitutional Law Journal*.

In Jason's Words:

"For twenty years, I have practiced primarily in the field of insurance defense, representing both public entities and private clients. Within this field, I handle cases ranging from civil rights to products liability claims. Our group litigates a diverse array of cases, and each matter we handle is unique, requiring an approach tailored to both the case and the client. With a wealth of experience at the firm, we collaborate and work effectively to obtain favorable outcomes for our clients."

Representative Matters

- Successfully defended a personal injury lawsuit wherein the plaintiff claimed serious injuries as the result of an accidental chlorine gas release at a fitness club's pool facility. Following a jury trial, a no-cause verdict was obtained on behalf of our client.
- Obtained favorable resolution of products liability action in a subrogation claim by insurer, wherein the client's product was alleged to have spontaneously combusted due to a defective design.
- Successfully appealed and obtained reversal in the Supreme Court of trial court's denial of summary judgment, based on the Tort Claims Act's notice provisions.
- Successfully defended a lawsuit challenging a county improvement authority's award of a waste disposal contract valued at approximately \$150 million. The plaintiff, an unsuccessful bidder, challenged the improvement authority's application of the financial responsibility requirements of the bid specifications. Following a bench trial, the court rejected the plaintiff's challenge to the contract award.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a State agency and several of its employees in a lawsuit brought on behalf of a former employee. The plaintiff had asserted claims of retaliation, wrongful death and civil rights violations, under various provisions of federal and state law. The Third Circuit affirmed the dismissal of the plaintiff's claims on appeal.
- Obtained favorable resolution of products liability action in a subrogation claim by insurer, wherein the client's product was alleged to have caused a house fire due to defective design and failure to warn, resulting in significant property damage.

Reported Decisions

- *Stewart, et al. v. New Jersey Turnpike Authority, et al.*, 249 N.J. 642 (2022)
- *Jones v. Morey's Pier, Inc.* 230 N.J. 142 (2017)
- *Dunbar Homes, Inc. v. Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Franklin*, 448 N.J. Super. 583 (App. Div. 2017)
- *Mikhaeil v. Santos*, 646 Fed.Appx. 158 (3d Cir. 2016)
- *Mandal v. Port Authority of New York & New Jersey*, 430 N.J. Super. 287 (App. Div.), petition for certif. denied (2013)
- *Estate of John Oliva, Jr. v. State of New Jersey, Department of Law, Division of State Police*, 604 F.3d 788 (3d Cir. 2010)
- *Peterson v. Bernardi*, 719 F. Supp.2d 419 (D.N.J. 2010)

Community & Professional Associations

- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

New York

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey