

SCOTT R. EBERLE

BIOGRAPHY

Scott Eberle chairs the firm's Ethics and Legal Malpractice team and is an experienced trial attorney with a diverse litigation practice, representing businesses and individuals in a wide range of matters spanning insurance defense and commercial litigation. He has extensive experience representing lawyers and other professionals including accountants, engineers, real estate agents, insurance agents, and design professionals in professional liability claims. Mr. Eberle also defends wrongful death and serious personal injury claims, as well as premises liability, products liability, and toxic tort claims.

Complementing his litigation practice, Mr. Eberle regularly counsels lawyers, pre-or post-claims or suits, on professional ethics and professional responsibility matters, including those facing disciplinary charges before the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, as well as matters before the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security, the Pennsylvania Judicial Board, and the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission. He also represents attorneys in Reinstatement Proceedings and candidates for admission to the bar in matters before the Board of Law Examiners. Mr. Eberle is a frequent speaker on legal malpractice avoidance, lawyer ethics, and risk management before law firms, bar associations, and legal organizations.

Mr. Eberle is an active member of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations serving on the PBA Professional Liability Committee and the ACBA Ethics Committee and Lawyer Insurance Committee. He is also a member of the Professional Liability Defense Federation, and was named to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list for Professional Liability Defense in 2010, 2013, and 2015-2017.

CREDENTIALS

Areas of Law

- Legal Malpractice Defense
- Professional Liability Defense
- Attorney Disciplinary Defense
- Attorney Reinstatement Proceedings
- Matters before the Board of Law Examiners
- Ethics Advice/Consultation
- General Litigation Defense

Education

- Duquesne University (J.D., 2002)
- DePauw University (B.A., 1999)

Bar and Court Admissions

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania



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Memberships

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
 - Professional Liability Committee
 - House of Delegates
- Allegheny County Bar Association
 - Ethics Committee, Former Chair
 - Lawyer Professional Liability Committee
- Professional Liability Defense Federation

ACCOLADES & INVOLVEMENT

Honors/Awards

- Selected by his peers for the 2010, 2013, 2015, 2016, and 2017 Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers*® “Rising Stars” lists

PRESENTATIONS

- “Avoiding Legal Malpractice – How to Get Sued in 10 Easy Steps,” Erie County Bar Association, December 2021
- “Ethics Considerations – Responding to Negative Online Reviews,” Pennsylvania Bar Institute Auto Law Update, October 2021
- “Ethics Refresher for Paralegals,” Pittsburgh Paralegal Association, August 2021
- “Ethically Terminating the Lawyer-Client Relationship,” Panelist, PBI Family Law Institute, April 2021
- “Ethics of Medical Marijuana,” panelist, Allegheny County Bar Association, April 2021
- “Attorney-Client Privilege and Work Product Doctrine Refresher for In-House Counsel” Burns White Webinar, March 2021
- “Ethics Considerations” Pennsylvania Bar Institute Criminal Law Update, December 2020
- “Ethics Considerations” Pennsylvania Bar Institute Auto Law Update, October 2020
- “Risk Management for Pennsylvania Attorneys” Burns White Webinar, August 2020
- “Ethics and Social Media” Pennsylvania Bar Institute, October 2019
- “Avoiding Ethical Jams, Documenting the Representation” Erie County Bar Association, May 2019
- “Who Exactly is Your Client?” Pennsylvania Bar Institute, March 2019
- “Cyber Liability and Duties of a Lawyer in the Event of a Data Breach” Allegheny County Bar Association, December 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- “Coronavirus Ethics Tips for Pennsylvania Lawyers” Burns White *Insights*, March 2020
- “New Job? Don’t Forget about Malpractice Insurance” Pennsylvania Bar Association *Young Lawyers Division’s At Issue*, Spring 2013

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