

PATRICK J. HUGHES

Partner, Roseland, New York and
Philadelphia Offices

Telephone: (973) 535-0500

E-mail: phughes@connellfoley.com



CONNELLFOLEY

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

www.connellfoley.com



Mr. Hughes represents businesses in diverse industries with commercial, product liability, mass tort, construction and insurance coverage litigation. He has tried more than fifty cases in state and federal courts, including several professional liability cases. Based upon his experience as a litigator, the Board of Trial Attorney Certification of the Supreme Court of New Jersey has designated Mr. Hughes a Certified Civil Trial Attorney.

Mr. Hughes also drafts, reviews and negotiates commercial transactions. He is adept at complex negotiations and assists clients in the chemical and energy industries in all phases of commercial contracts.

In addition to his trial and negotiation skills, Mr. Hughes is well-versed in compliance issues, providing counsel to health care clients subject to increasingly complex regulatory constraints and governmental scrutiny. In that capacity, Mr. Hughes has developed compliance programs for physicians' practices which address anti-referral, anti-kickback, privacy and other state and federal statutes and regulations. He also counsels health care practices regarding general corporate matters.

He began his career as a Captain in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, where Mr. Hughes was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division as a prosecutor and international law officer.

Published Decisions:

- *Weiss v. Goldfarb*, 713 A.2d 427 (N.J. 1998) Defended a medical center and its staff in a wrongful death, medical malpractice claim, where the Supreme Court upheld the trial court's denial of an ultimate outcome instruction requested by the plaintiff to inform the jury that any judgment against the hospital would be limited by statute.

Publications:

- Co-Author, "Preventing Patient Dumping: EMTALA regulates hospitals' screening and transfer policies," published in the *New Jersey Law Journal* (July 16, 2007)
- Co-Author, "The Health Insurance Portability And Accountability Act's Privacy Rule," published in *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* (March, 2003)

Representative Experience:

- Represented a flavor manufacturer in a commercial claim brought by a beverage manufacturer located in Central America, where much of the discovery occurred, to a successful resolution;
- Represents a specialty chemical manufacturer in a toxic exposure case brought in state court by employees of a manufacturing facility;
- Represented an asbestos manufacturer in a mesothelioma death case tried in the Eastern District of New York to a successful resolution;
- Represented a construction company, that prefabricated concrete for a bridge, seeking commercial damages from a general contractor in a federal court action, which resolved satisfactorily on the second trial day;
- Represented a construction chemicals manufacturer in an insurance coverage dispute, which resolved satisfactorily without the necessity of filing an action;
- Represented a chemical manufacturer in contract negotiations with a major tire manufacturer;
- Represents physician's practices in all phases of business, compliance and corporate matters.

Practice Areas:

Business Litigation
Product Liability and Tort Law
Mass Tort and Toxic Tort Litigation
Corporate Law and Transactions
Health Care and Medical Practice
Insurance Law

Admitted to Practice:

State of New Jersey
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
District of Columbia
State of New York
United States Supreme Court
United States Court of Appeals, Third
Circuit
United States District Court for the District
of New Jersey
United States District Court for the Eastern
District of Pennsylvania
United States District Court for the Eastern
District of New York
United States District Court for the
Southern District of New York

Education:

Lafayette College (B.A., cum laude,
Government and Law, 1981)
Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D.,
cum laude, 1984)

Affiliations:

American Bar Association
Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
John C. Lifland American Inn of Court
(Master)
New Jersey State Bar Association
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Worrall F. Mountain American Inn of Court
(Master)

ROSELAND

85 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068
Tel (973) 535-0500 Fax (973) 535-9217

JERSEY CITY

Harborside Financial Center
2510 Plaza Five, Jersey City, NJ 07311
Tel (201) 521-1000 Fax (201) 521-0100

NEW YORK CITY

888 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10106
Tel (212) 262-2390 Fax (212) 262-3118

PHILADELPHIA

1500 Market Street, 12th floor, East Tower
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Tel (215) 246-3403 Fax (215) 665-5727