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Area of Emphasis

Richard Antonelli is a shareholder in the Litigation and Employment and Labor Services Groups. His areas of practice are labor, employment and Employee Retirement Income Security Act litigation, and labor relations including labor arbitration and collective bargaining. Mr. Antonelli defends employers in discrimination claims, claims brought pursuant to the Labor Management Relations Act, claims brought pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and claims brought pursuant to collective bargaining agreements. He successfully defended employers in claims by unions and retirees for retiree medical benefits brought pursuant to ERISA and the NLRA. Mr. Antonelli also handles cases involving trade secrets and restrictive covenants and defends claims brought pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act. In addition to his substantial trial practice, he has significant appellate experience in both federal and state appellate courts.

Background

Mr. Antonelli received his Associates Degree from Community College of Allegheny County in 1969, his B.A. from Duquesne University in 1971 and his J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law in 1975.

Memberships and Affiliations

Mr. Antonelli is active in the American Bar Association and its various labor and employment law committees, the Allegheny County Bar Association and its Labor Law Committee, and the Federal Bar Association. He has been active in various charitable organizations and was one of three original founders of the Community College of Allegheny County Educational Foundation and currently serves on the Foundation's Advisory Board. In addition, Mr. Antonelli served on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Continuing Legal Education Board as the Vice Chair.

Since 2008, Mr. Antonelli has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for his employment and labor practice and is currently listed in the Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; and Litigation – Labor and Employment sections.

Publications/Presentations

Mr. Antonelli is a frequent speaker to management groups on such topics as how to avoid or defend employment, labor and benefits litigation.