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Area of Emphasis

Kathy Condo is a shareholder in the Litigation and Energy and Natural Resources groups of Babst Calland. Before joining the firm, Ms. Condo spent more than 25 years in the Pittsburgh office of a large national law firm, during which time she handled numerous jury and non-jury trials. She has extensive experience in handling toxic tort and products liability litigation in various federal and state courts, which has included trial work, as well as the multi-state coordination of the defense of repetitive litigation. During the course of her representation of clients in the toxic tort and product liability area, she has worked with and opposed numerous technical and medical expert witnesses. Her experiences include obtaining a defense verdict in a toxic tort case for an international electronics manufacturer involving claimed injuries due to heavy metal exposure and defending numerous class actions involving claimed environmental exposures. Ms. Condo counsels clients in threatened toxic tort litigation related to oil and gas development and defends these cases when filed.

Ms. Condo also represents and counsels financial services institutions in litigation arising out of lending and servicing activities and in various commercial litigation matters, often resolving problems to prevent litigation or to resolve litigation after it is filed. She has also represented a number of major corporations in federal and state courts in employment-related matters.

For a number of years, Ms. Condo acted as an outside "in-house counsel" for a corporation facing a major litigation challenge. In that capacity, she administered hundreds of cases in outlying jurisdictions, controlled the litigation budgets of local counsel, administered the day-to-day activity of paralegals and lawyers, negotiated settlements, and handled trials in local jurisdictions. Much of this work focused on innovative mechanisms for defense cost savings.

Background

Ms. Condo graduated *summa cum laude* and first in her class from Duquesne University School of Law, with a J.D. in 1981, where she was Executive Recent Decisions Editor of the *Law Review*. She received her M.S.W. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1975 and upon graduation, she worked as a social worker in the neonatal intensive care unit at Magee Women's Hospital. Ms. Condo received her B.A., with high distinction, from the Pennsylvania State University in 1974, where she was selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Memberships and Affiliations

Ms. Condo is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and West Virginia and is a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association. She has been a member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers since 1992. Ms. Condo was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve a three-year term on the Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Rules Committee. She has also been a member of the Allegheny County Private Industrial Counsel as well as a past board member of the Sara Heinz House. Ms. Condo has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*[©] in the Commercial Litigation Section since 2020 by BL Rankings. She was also selected to the 2012-2018 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* lists (Thomson Reuters).

Publications/Presentations

Over the years, Ms. Condo has spoken frequently at PBI, DRI and in-house CLEs on various subjects related to litigation, including *Daubert* challenges, recent developments in civil procedure and evidence, toxic tort litigation, oil and gas development litigation and mitigation of litigation.