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Services and Industries

- Healthcare Litigation
- Medical Device and Technology
- Senior Care
- Litigation

Education

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Law, J.D., 1982

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, B.A. in Economics, 1979

Admissions

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Steven D. Costello focuses his practice in professional malpractice litigation, defending physicians, hospitals and long-term care facilities, as well as business litigation and medical device litigation. He has devoted nearly 40 years of his legal career in handling civil litigation and consistently provides his clients with thoughtful, aggressive and effective representation. The majority of his practice involves defending cases associated with catastrophic injury or death. Steve has successfully represented numerous Fortune 500 companies and major hospitals, healthcare systems and insurance companies, having received nearly 150 defense verdicts in jury trials.

Steve lectures frequently to lawyers and healthcare professionals on litigation, risk management and medical malpractice issues. He is an active member of many local and national associations including the Pennsylvania Bar Association where he served on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Health Law Committee and the Interdisciplinary Committee on Medical and Health Related Issues. He also serves on the Long-Term Care/ALF Committee for the Defense Research Institute. In addition, he is a Fellow of the Academy of Advocacy and Master of the American Inns of Court.

Steve was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America list since 2017. Best Lawyers designated him "Lawyer of the Year, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants" on both the 2022 and 2024 lists in the Philadelphia region. He also has been designated a Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" as published in Philadelphia Magazine and named a "Select Lawyer" in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining Saxton & Stump, Steve served as a Principal at Post & Schell in the Professional Liability Defense Department and as Administrative Principal in their Allentown, PA office

Experience

- One of the most active trial lawyers in Pennsylvania with over 150 cases tried to verdict and a 95% success rate in jury trials which have gone to verdict
- Frequently takes challenging cases to verdict and has tried cases in nearly every venue in Pennsylvania
- Active advocate of litigation prevention and mitigation strategies

Recognitions

- Best Lawyers in America, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants and Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants, 2017-2027
- Best Lawyers in America, Lawyer of the Year, 2022 and 2024
- Select Lawyers, 2016
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, Personal Injury Medical Malpractice: Defense, 2004-2006 and 2023-2026

Professional Affiliations

- Pennsylvania Bar Association; served on Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Health Law Committee, Interdisciplinary Committee on Medical and Health Related Issues
- Lancaster Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute; Long-Term Care/ALF Committee
- Academy of Advocacy, Fellow
- American Inns of Court, Master