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Damian M. Sammons serves as Senior Counsel for Hickey Smith Dodd LLP. His practice focuses on toxic torts, including asbestos and talc defense litigation, product liability, construction design defects, and commercial and general liability matters. He also works on behalf of charter schools throughout Pennsylvania.

Damian began his career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office where he handled cases from inception to verdict in various divisions of the office. Following his career as a prosecutor, Damian worked as a criminal defense attorney practicing in the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, cross-examining witnesses and experts and winning multiple verdicts on behalf of clients in both trial and appellate courts.

Prior to joining Hickey Smith Dodd, Damian worked at a regional law firm in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York tri-state area where, in addition to general liability matters, his practice focused on the defense of manufacturers and suppliers of various products alleged to have contained asbestos.

One of Damian's key strengths is his ability to create visual productions for presentation to clients and today's media-focused jurors. His use of technology to visually express his client's defense during trial has impacted juries who ultimately found in favor of his clients.

Damian achieved his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin in Plan II Honors-English and his Juris Doctor from Rutgers Law School. He worked as the Managing Notes and Comments Editor for the Rutgers Race and the Law Review and as a teaching assistant for appellate advocacy.

In addition to his legal work, Damian is an Admissions Liaison Officer for the United States Air Force Academy, a Shriner and a Past Master and Representative to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons. In his spare time, he is also a student of the Japanese art of Kendo.

EDUCATION

JD, Rutgers University
School of Law

BA, The University of Texas
at Austin, Plan II Honors

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Jersey

Philadelphia

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court
for the District of New
Jersey

United States District Court
for the Eastern District of
Pennsylvania

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Successful representation of asbestos product supply company leading to the Court granting client's motion for summary judgment pursuant to Eckenrod in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas
- De minimis settlement for client in a matter of pending Asbestos litigation directly following cross-examination of Plaintiff's key witness
- Successful litigation in a matter of Breach of Fiduciary Duty against corporate partners resulting in the 100% return of corporation to company's founder
- Successful defense of numerous matters involving automobile accidents, injuries on premises (trip and fall, slip and fall) and other general liability personal injury matters
- Successful representation of charter school in navigating a difficult renewal process with the Charter Schools Office

REPORTED DECISIONS

- Commonwealth v. Enix, 192 A.3d 78 (2018)
- Commonwealth v. Edwards, 177 A.3d 963 (2018)