



## Paul J. Wells

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### EDUCATION

JD, 1997, St. John's  
University, Dean's List

BA, 1994, Fordham  
University, Phi Kappa Phi;  
Phi Sigma Alpha

### BAR ADMISSIONS

New York

### COURT ADMISSIONS

Paul Wells has been a commercial and insurance defense litigator for over 20 years. Paul specializes in representing clients in the defense of premises liability, motor vehicle, general negligence and construction site accidents involving New York State Labor Law actions.

Paul handles all procedural and substantive matters in the litigation process including pleadings, discovery, motions, depositions and medical examinations. With his extensive experience, Paul can efficiently analyze a case and identify the core issues to work toward the best possible result, whether through motions, settlement or trial, if required.

During his career, Paul has worked with and developed relationships with a number of insurance carriers, insurance defense firms and plaintiffs firms. The relationships Paul has developed assist him in his efforts to obtain favorable results for his clients.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Successfully defended property owners and tenants (including restaurants, delis, bars and other leases) from various types of personal injury lawsuits, including slip/trip and falls, dram shop actions, property damage, negligent hiring and/or supervision, negligent security and other personal injury lawsuits
- Successfully defended multiple commercial vehicle (including ambulettes, carting companies, school bus companies) drivers in motor vehicle and trucking accident lawsuits with favorable outcomes for the client
- Successfully defended property owners, general contractors and subcontractors in construction site accidents commenced by injured workers and related lawsuits involving New York Labor Law §200, §240 and §241(6) actions, as well as related contractual and common law indemnification issues
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of client dismissing trip and fall action by establishing subject accident occurred on pedestrian sidewalk ramp and therefore under the maintenance and control of the City of New York pursuant to Administrative Code 7-210
- Achieved favorable settlement in New York Labor Law 240 action involving fall from ladder resulting in bilateral calcaneus (heel) fractures and requiring multiple surgeries
- Achieved favorable settlement in favor of building owner in connection with lawsuit commenced by corporate tenant for alleged breach of lease terms and resulting property damage
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of subcontractor in action involving New York Labor Law §200, §240 and §241(6) action