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Andrew Rossi focuses his practice on civil litigation and the defense of claims involving professional liability, product liability, construction defect and accident, premises liability, and transportation, trucking, and automobile liability. He is well-versed in handling insurance coverage matters, including coverage opinions, litigation, and risk transfer analysis, as well as contract drafting and review on behalf of design professionals, contractors, and construction industry clients. Andrew has litigated cases before state and federal courts in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, adeptly managing matters from the pre-claim stage through resolution.

Andrew provides risk management services and represents clients in insurance coverage litigation in the areas of professional liability, including the defense of claims brought against architects and engineers, construction and design professionals, and real estate and insurance brokers/agents; construction/construction defect liability; and product liability. In addition, he effectively handles contract negotiations and risk transfer disputes on behalf of developers and contractors.

Andrew worked in Wilson Elser's New York and White Plains offices as a Conflicts Analyst before joining the Philadelphia office as a law clerk while attending law school.

Design Professionals

Andrew engages in nationwide client risk management services for design professionals, including the drafting and reviewing of contracts and related negotiations. In addition, Andrew defends architects, engineers, construction managers, design-builders, and surveyors against claims involving bodily injury, property damage, and contractual disputes.

Product Liability

A large portion of Andrew's practice involves the defense of product liability claims against

Services

- Design Professionals
- Commercial Contracts & Agreements
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Construction
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Specialty Professional Risks
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Professional Liability & Services
- Transportation
- Asia

domestic and foreign manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors of personal care products, food and beverage products, construction equipment, and industrial machinery. These cases often involve wrongful death or catastrophic injuries, including brain damage, amputation, and paralysis, as well as substantial economic claims.

General Liability / Transportation

Andrew defends commercial and residential property owners, management companies, and contractors in premises liability cases. Additionally, he defends trucking companies, freight brokers, technology companies, and construction firms in transportation, automobile, and trucking liability matters, including high-exposure cases. Andrew ably assists in risk management assessment at the pre-litigation phase to resolve potential claims cost-effectively.

Construction / Construction Defect

Andrew's experience in defending construction defect and accident claims complements his skillful defense of design professionals. He has successfully defended contractors, construction managers, and project owners in disputes related to contractual matters, indemnification, and insurance coverage issues, as well as multi-party high-exposure bodily injury and construction defect claims.

Insurance Coverage

Andrew successfully handles coverage litigation, including drafting coverage opinions for domestic and international insurers related to primary and excess commercial general liability, professional liability, and automobile liability policies.

Education

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (J.D., 2021)
- University of Delaware (B.A., 2016)

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Professional Affiliations

- NovUs (recent graduate and student chapter), Villanova Law Alumni Association, Class of 2021 Representative
- Philadelphia Bar Association

- Pennsylvania Bar Association

Publications

August 31, 2022

California Update: Liquor Liability 50-State Survey

November 12, 2021

Bloomberg Law Features Article by Testa and Rossi on COVID-19 Wrongful Death Claims

Bloomberg Law

Client Wins

Takacs and Rossi Defeat Claims Against Property Owner in Tenant Injury Lawsuit

Michael S. Takacs (Partner-Philadelphia, PA) and Andrew Rossi (Associate-Philadelphia, PA) prevailed on a motion for summary judgment in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, on behalf of Wilson Elser's client, a property owner/landlord. The plaintiff, a tenant at the client's apartment complex, allegedly sustained a forehead laceration, concussion, post-concussion syndrome, and injuries to her neck after striking her forehead on a dumpster's trunnion bar while taking out her trash. She claimed the trunnion bar, which a truck uses to lift the dumpster during emptying, was a dangerous condition because it "sticks out inconspicuously" and lacked warnings or contrasting paint to make it more visible. The codefendant waste management company supplied and serviced the dumpster under a customer service agreement with our client, retained ownership, and specifically prohibited the client from altering it. The plaintiff, who had lived at the property for more than a year, admitted to using the dumpster at least weekly to dispose of her trash. Michael and Andrew moved for summary judgment, asserting that the client neither owed nor breached a legal duty of care to protect the plaintiff where the alleged condition of the trunnion bar was open, obvious, and readily visible on equipment the client did not own or control. The court entered summary judgment on behalf of the client, dismissing all claims and crossclaims.