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Mike has successfully litigated products liability and insurance coverage disputes throughout the country.

Mike is the managing partner of the firm's Philadelphia office. He practices in commercial and consumer collections, with particular emphasis in handling commercial loan workouts and complex collection cases. He also focuses a great deal of his practice on compliance issues related to the lending, debt collection, and repossession industries.

His practice also focuses on subrogation claims involving auto, property and casualty, and products liability matters. Mike has written numerous articles related to subrogation issues, including the recovery of first party benefits in Pennsylvania and future legislative actions related to driverless vehicles.

Mike is a member of the Philadelphia Municipal Court Debt Collection Modernization Task Force. He is also a frequent speaker on compliance issues related to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the lending industry. In addition, he is the moderator of the podcast, "What's on Tap" whose recent episodes include: "Replevins, Repossessions and Repair Shop Liens – How Best to Recover your Vehicles" and "Cross-collateralization and Other Secured Loans – Maximizing Recovery from Members in Bankruptcy".

#### **Focus Areas**

- Commercial Collections
  - Commercial Agency Collections
- Consumer Collections
  - Collateral Recovery
  - Credit Union Representation
  - Education Loan Recovery & Litigation
  - Healthcare Collections

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# Admissions

- Pennsylvania (1995)
- ▶ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1997)
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1995)

## Education

- ▶ J.D., Widener University School of Law (1995)
- ▶ B.S., cum laude, Political Science and History, Blackburn College (1990)

## **Affiliations**

- Adjunct Professor, West Chester University, "Legal Environment of Business"; "Business and Society"
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP): Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association: Member

#### **Publications**

- Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: New Credit Card Diversionary Program," Weltman Insight (January 12, 2022)
- ► "Supreme Court Issues Welcome Opinion Regarding Definition of Autodialers Under TCPA," Weltman Alert (January 5, 2010)
- ► "A New CFPB Consent Order Will Impact Repossessions and Payment Processing," Weltman Alert (October 21, 2020)
- "Weltman Elects New Partner," Weltman News (January 5, 2010)