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### OVERVIEW

David Zaslow is an experienced trial lawyer with an extensive background litigating complex personal injury matters. David's dual background in law and medicine, as an active paramedic for more than 30 years, gives him the unique ability to provide critical insight and analysis into the liability, causation and damages issues presented in serious personal injury cases. His background also helps him facilitate strong relationships with clients, experts and witnesses, which is essential to the development and presentation of the case. As a trusted adviser, David provides clients with cost-effective, focused and aggressive representation during the pre-trial phases of litigation, early resolution, alternative dispute resolution, and at trial.

David serves as regional counsel for nationally known companies including those in the waste disposal, trucking, armored car, emergency services, funeral, prison and food service industries. His clients include insurance carriers and self-insureds whom he represents in the areas of professional liability, premises liability, motor vehicle liability, emergency services liability, discrimination and wrongful discharge matters.

David is frequently called upon by emergency medical and fire service providers to consult or represent them in a wide range of issues from liability exposure to corporate matters and internal investigations.

### RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

David holds over 20 professional pre-hospital emergency medicine and firefighting credentials. Since 1985, he has been an active volunteer member of Narberth Ambulance in the suburbs of Philadelphia. This organization is the primary 911 provider, responding to over 11,000 calls for service annually in

### PRACTICES

Healthcare

Labor and Employment

Litigation

Professional Liability

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

### EDUCATION

Temple University Beasley School of Law,  
JD, 1995

Cornell University, BA, 1991

### MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Philadelphia Bar Association



Lower Merion Township, Haverford Township, Narberth Borough and the Boroughs of Conshohocken and West Conshohocken. David is currently the President and Assistant Chief of the organization and an active paramedic in these communities.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Fatal accident between ambulance and motorcyclist due to alleged negligent vehicle operation, training, supervision and entrustment of vehicle to driver by ambulance company; 28 year-old father of 3 year-old and pregnant wife; \$15 million demand; negotiated settlement for \$5 million after extensive investigation, discovery and expert review (Delaware County Court of Common Pleas)

Premises liability case in which off-duty police officer fell into a trash pit at a public trash transfer station; plaintiff sustained fractured cervical and thoracic vertebrae and a torn rotator cuff requiring multiple surgeries and rendering him unable to return to law enforcement work; \$2.5 million demand; settled case at mediation for \$850,000 (Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas)

Medical malpractice case involving alleged failure to diagnose cancer during gynecological office visit; \$3 million demand; obtained defense verdict for Ob/Gyn at trial (Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas)

Breach of contract, unjust enrichment and fraud action brought by large healthcare network claiming failure of city and its prison medical vendor to make certain contractual payments for medical care of pre-trial detainees; \$1.5 million demand; negotiated pre-trial settlement of all claims for \$675,000 without contribution by the prison medical vendor (Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas)

Products liability case against a national manufacturer of physical therapy equipment; plaintiff sustained burns to arm during therapy due to alleged product defect and negligence of therapist; obtained defense verdict for product manufacturer at arbitration (Delaware County Court of Common Pleas)

Commercial trucking accident in which trash truck crossed center line causing head on collision due to alleged negligent operation of the truck and negligent hiring and entrustment of the vehicle to driver by trash company; 23 year-old plaintiff sustained fractured pelvis, hip and internal organ injuries with two hip replacement surgeries; \$10 million demand and claim for punitive damages; settled case at early mediation for \$2.2 million (Monroe County Court of Common Pleas)

Commercial trucking accident in which tractor trailer over turned in a landfill due to alleged negligence in maintenance of landfill access roads; plaintiff driver sustained rotator cuff injury with surgical repair; \$650,000 demand; negotiated pre-trial settlement of case for \$15,000 after discovery and trial submissions filed (Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas)

Commercial trucking incident in which trash truck allegedly forced passenger vehicle off of roadway into a tree; plaintiff sustained a fractured pelvis and hip; \$250,000 demand; case settled for \$35,000 on eve of trial (Bucks County Court of Common Pleas)

Commercial trucking accident in which roll off truck collided with a pick-up truck at a construction site due to alleged motor vehicle negligence of the roll off driver and improper construction site safety; plaintiff suffered multi-level lumbar disc injuries, a fractured elbow and bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome; \$1 million demand; negotiated joint tortfeasor settlement for roll off driver for \$135,000 on eve of trial; settled defendant then found to be 54% responsible for \$500,000 trial verdict (Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas)

Premises liability case in which custodian at a mall tripped near a commercial trash compactor due to alleged defects in the compactor and the concrete pad on which it was placed; plaintiff suffered a traumatic brain injury, fractured nose and hip and an inguinal hernia; \$2 million demand; obtained the voluntary dismissal of the compactor vendor prior to trial after extensive investigation, discovery and expert review (Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas)

Premises liability case at a funeral in which a visitor fell down a staircase at the cemetery office due to alleged defects in the stair case; plaintiff sustained a fractured nose and foot, facial lacerations and cervical sprain and strain; \$150,000 demand; negotiated pre-trial settlement of case for \$69,000 (Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas)

Premises liability action in which trash tipper in landfill tipped over onto truck due to alleged negligent operation of the machine; plaintiff sustained multiple cervical herniations; \$350,000 demand; negotiated global settlement without contribution from landfill equipment operator and received indemnification of costs from other party (Bucks County Court of Common Pleas)

Premises liability action in which trash hauler fell off trailer while untarping it at landfill due to alleged negligence in not providing proper facilities to safely tarp; plaintiff suffered cervical disc injury at C5-C6, cervical radiculopathy, shoulder girdle injury, brachial plexus injury and carpal tunnel syndrome; \$750,000 demand; settled case at mediation for \$315,000 (Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas)

Medical malpractice/hospital liability case involving post-surgical fall from hospital bed with resultant fractured hip; \$100,000 demand; obtained defense verdict for hospital at private, binding arbitration (Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas)

Medical malpractice case involving shoulder dystocia with permanent nerve damage due to alleged negligent pre-natal monitoring and delivery; \$200,000 demand; settled case on eve for trial for \$75,000 (Clinton County Court of Common Pleas)

Medical malpractice case involving complicated c-section delivery with resultant bilateral brachial plexus stretch injury, bilateral phrenic nerve injury, respiratory insufficiency, diaphragmatic paralysis, brain injury and spinal cord injury with subsequent failure to thrive and death at 3 years of age; \$2 million demand; negotiated global settlement of case after extensive investigation, discovery and expert review for \$775,000 (Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas)

Civil rights and medical malpractice action involving incarcerated Plaintiff who contracted MRSA in prison with subsequent life-threatening complications due to alleged failure to timely diagnose and treat condition; \$100,000 demand; obtained voluntary dismissal of entire action after discovery and filing of Motion for Summary Judgment (U.S. District Court for Western District of Pennsylvania)

Civil rights and medical malpractice action involving prisoner who committed suicide while detained in city jail due to alleged negligent mental health screening and procedures on intake; \$250,000 demand; obtained voluntary pre-trial dismissal of prison medical vendor after extensive investigation, discovery and expert review (U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Pennsylvania)

Civil rights and medical malpractice action involving prisoner in city jail who died of heat stroke due to alleged negligent medical screenings and prison conditions; \$550,000 demand; negotiated global pre-trial settlement of case for \$125,000 (U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Pennsylvania)

Breach of contract and discrimination action brought by student who was discharged from nursing school six weeks prior to graduation; plaintiff alleged breach of education contract and discrimination against a protected class; \$154,000 demand; negotiated \$5,000 settlement of case and dismissal of PA Human Relations Commission charge after detailed investigation and preliminary discovery conferences with opposing counsel (Chester County Court of Common Pleas)

Funeral home action involving alleged negligent embalming, mishandling and transport of remains causing advanced decomposition prior to funeral; multiple tort and intentional tort claims with punitive damages demanded; obtained dismissal of case on preliminary objections (Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas)

## IN THE NEWS

White and Williams Sponsors Narberth Ambulance's 2021 "Main Line Bike Race"  
8.21.21

White and Williams Sponsors Narberth Ambulance's 2019 "Main Line Bike Race"  
8.5.19

12th Annual Coverage College Features Current Trends and State of the Insurance Claims Industry  
10.23.18

White and Williams Sponsors 3rd Annual Narberth Ambulance EMS Camp  
7.2.18

White and Williams Sponsors Narberth Ambulance EMS Camp  
6.27.17

David Zaslow Appointed President of Narberth Ambulance Board of Directors  
1.19.17

The Ninth Annual Coverage College Features True-to-Life Case Study  
10.8.15

## EVENTS

Social Media and Litigation in 2018: A Primer for Insurance Companies  
12th Annual Coverage College, 10.4.18

Medical, Legal, Ethical and Documentation Issues for EMS Providers  
Montgomery County Paramedic Training Institute, 8.16.17

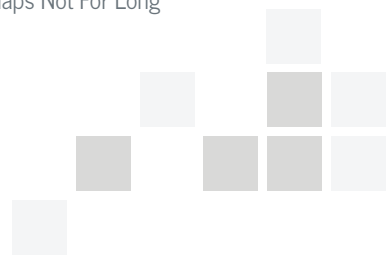
Community Paramedicine in Practice  
Montgomery County Community Paramedicine Symposium - A Regional Planning Initiative, 5.18.17

Catastrophic Injury Events: How the Moments After the Accident Implicate What May Happen Years Later, Including Insurance-Related Concerns. Are You Prepared?  
White and Williams Coverage College, 10.8.15

## PUBLICATIONS

A Look at What's to Come: Looming Changes to the Pennsylvania Statutory Liability Caps  
3.15.24

Consent to General Jurisdiction by Registration Affirmed ... But Only In Pennsylvania, and Perhaps Not For Long  
*Client Alert*, 6.28.23



Tipping Point! Are PA's Damages Limits for Commonwealth Agencies About to be Eliminated or Changed After 40 Years?  
*Litigation Alert*, 11.29.21

Pennsylvania Court Ominously Lowers the Bar for Asserting Actionable Punitive Damages Claims  
*Litigation Alert*, 8.6.21

Are Industry Standards Beside the Point Where Strict Liability is Claimed?  
*Product Liability Alert*, 5.18.21

The Nation's First Binding Virtual Jury Trial is a Success, But Limitations Remain  
*Litigation Alert*, 8.19.20

Evaluating Alternative Avenues to Verdict in the COVID-19 Legal Atmosphere  
*Litigation Alert*, 7.7.20

Virtual Jury Trials: The Next Wave of Remote Legal Practice  
*Litigation Alert*, 6.4.20

Pennsylvania Courts Closed Through April 30, 2020: Litigating in the Current Statewide Emergency  
*Litigation Alert*, 4.2.20

PA Supreme Court Declines to Consider Constitutional Challenge to Statutory Damages Cap Applicable to Commonwealth Agencies  
*Litigation Alert*, 10.25.18

PA Supreme Court Dramatically Changes Scope of Qualified Immunity for Government Entities for Torts Related to "Operation of a Motor Vehicle"  
*Litigation Alert*, 9.6.18

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to Evaluate Seminal *Roverano* Decision  
*Litigation Alert*, 8.20.18

Social Media in Litigation: The Increasing Impact and Evolving Standards for Discoverability and Admissibility  
*Litigation Alert*, 3.28.18

Pennsylvania's Fair Share Act: Reshaping Apportionment in Strict Liability Cases  
*Litigation Alert*, 1.9.18

