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John C. McMeekin II is a Partner of Rawle & Henderson LLP in the Philadelphia office. He concentrates his law practice in the areas of environmental, toxic and mass torts, products and professional liability and insurance coverage litigation. He represents clients in the United States and abroad as National Coordinating Counsel and local trial counsel in the defense of long-term latent injury and defect, chemical exposure and product liability cases. He is Liaison Counsel to the Court in the Philadelphia County silica litigation. He is South East Regional Counsel to the Pennsylvania Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund.

Mr. McMeekin is a graduate of Bucknell University and a *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland, as well as the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has practiced *pro hac vice* before the state and federal courts in Montana, Texas, Maine, Massachusetts, California, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Delaware, Ohio and Hawaii. Mr. McMeekin also serves as a Judge Pro Tem for the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County handling settlement and pre-trial matters for civil litigation matters before the Court.

Mr. McMeekin worked as a Senior Claims Account Executive overseeing complex environmental, toxic tort and coverage related matters. He is a former firefighter and emergency medical technician. In 2001 he was elected and in 2005 re-elected to the Radnor Township School Board of Directors on which he served as the Board President. www.radnor.com. In 2006 he was elected President of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit and Delaware County Vocational Technical Institute which serve the educational needs of Delaware County. He has been a liaison to the Board of Directors of the Delaware County Community College and on the Board of the Radnor Township Parks & Recreation Committee. He is active in the American Bar Association and its leadership in areas of practice, governance and public service. He is the Chair of the ABA TIPS Toxic Tort & Environmental Law Committee. www.abanet.org/tips/toxic/home.html. He also serves on the TIPS CLE Board where he oversees the Mid Year CLE programs.



Mr. McMeekin has spoken and presented numerous times on toxic tort and environmental issues, including on the topics of expert testimony and admissibility, diesel emissions, MTBE litigation, electronic discovery, class action litigation and bio-terrorism. Mr. McMeekin is also a frequent newspaper and television commentator concerning issues related to public education and governance.

His published papers and articles include: Frye: The Admissibility of Expert Testimony in Pennsylvania; Defending Underground Storage Tank Litigation; A Cause of Cancer? Exposure to Diesel Fume Emissions. He is an editor of the upcoming ABA Toxic Tort Handbook and the Co-Author of Change in the Aftermath, Will Louisiana Courts Expand the Interpretation of the Pollution Exclusion to Address Hurricane Katrina Related Claims?, concerning environmental coverage issues arising out of Hurricane Katrina published in the Spring 2006 edition of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law Journal.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Environmental, Toxic and Mass Torts Law
Product Liability
Professional Liability
Insurance Coverage Law

BAR ADMISSIONS:

Maryland, 1997
Pennsylvania, 1997
New Jersey, 1997

COURT ADMISSIONS:

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

EDUCATION & AWARDS:

University of Baltimore School of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1997)
Heusler Honor Society (1997)
Bucknell University (B.A., 1990)
National Trial Academy (2002)
University of Maryland Fire Rescue Academy – EMT (1994)
Baltimore County Fire Rescue Academy – Firefighter (1993)
Named Top 40 Under 40 Lawyers in Pennsylvania (2002)
ABA/TIPS Award for Innovative Excellence (2003-2004)
American Bar Association Recognition Award (2004; 2006)
Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” (2006, 2005)



PUBLICATIONS:

Change In The Aftermath: Will Louisiana Courts Expand The Interpretation Of The Pollution Exclusion To Address Hurricane Katrina-Related Claims?, *ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal*, Spring 2006

A Cause of Cancer? Exposure to Diesel Fume Emissions, November 2003, *For The Defense Frye: The Admissibility of Expert Testimony in Pennsylvania*, Fall 2003, ABA-TIPS Newsletter

Defending Underground Storage Tank Litigation, August 2002, *For the Defense*.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association

Chair of the Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Committee of Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS), 2005-2006

Chair Elect of the Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Committee of Tort & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) 2004-2005

Chair of the 2004 Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Committee Spring Meeting Tort & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)

Vice Chair of Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Committee, 2002 Litigation Section

Member CLE Board of TIPS Section of ABA

Member Task Force for Revenue Enhancement TIPS Section of ABA

Member Disaster Task Force TIPS Section of ABA

Maryland Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Defense Research Institute

Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel

PUBLIC & ELECTED OFFICES:

School Director, Radnor Township, PA (2001-present)

President, Radnor Township School Board (2004-2006)

Member, Radnor Township Parks and Recreation Board (2001-2004)

Board Member, Delaware County Community College,
Liaison to Board of Trustees (2001 – 2003)

President and Member, Delaware County Area Vocational – Technical School Board (2003 - present)

President and Member, Delaware County Intermediate Unit Education Foundation (2003 - present)