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John C. McMeekin II is a Partner of Rawle & Henderson LLP in the Philadelphia office and a member of the Firm's Executive Committee. He concentrates his law practice in the areas of aviation, environmental, toxic and mass torts, class actions, products and professional liability and insurance coverage litigation. He represents clients in the United States and abroad as National Coordinating Counsel and 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 represents the Pennsylvania Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund and its eligible owners and operators in groundwater, property damages and monitoring claims, as well as determinations of eligibility. He has represented clients in state and federal class actions, multi-plaintiff consolidated mass torts and multi-district proceedings for drug & medical device litigation, MTBE, asbestos, silica, latex gloves, orthopedic bone screws and FRTP.

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, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York 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, West Virginia, Texas, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, California, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Delaware, Ohio and Hawaii.

He is a former firefighter and emergency medical technician and currently serves as a Board Member for Radnor Volunteer Fire Company. In 2001 he was elected to the Radnor Township School Board of Directors on which he served as a board member and the Board President – until 2009. He served as a board member and President of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit and Delaware County Vocational Technical Institute which serve the educational needs of children with special needs and in career and vocational technical education until 2009. Mr. McMeekin was also a member of the board of the Delaware County Community Foundation which facilitates donor directed charitable giving.

He is active in the American Bar Association and its leadership in areas of practice, governance and public service. John has been elected Vice Chair of the American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section for 2018-2019. He is currently serving as Section Secretary of ABA TIPS. He also served as a Council Member, the Section Revenue Officer, Chair of the Toxic Tort & Environmental Law Committee, Chair of the International Law Committee, Chair of the CLE



Board and is currently co-Chairing the Corporate Counsel Initiative Task Force. He has chaired the Philadelphia Bar Association Environmental and Toxic Tort Law Committee and has been a member of the Delaware Valley Environmental Inn of Court.

Mr. McMeekin has spoken and presented numerous times nationally and internationally on drug & medical devices, 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. He has published numerous papers and articles on practice areas of interest.

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Environmental, Toxic and Mass Torts Law
- Class Actions
- Product Liability
- International Law
- Professional Liability
- Insurance Coverage Law
- Aviation

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 District Court for the Southern District of New York
- 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)
- University of Maryland Fire Rescue Academy – EMT (1994)
- Baltimore County Fire Rescue Academy – Firefighter (1993)
- National Trial Academy (2002)
- 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” (2005-2011, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018)
AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell (2014-2018)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

- Presenter, *ABA TIPS Spring Toxic Tort & Environmental Law Seminar*, Spring 2017
Co-Presenter, *Challenges of Personal Jurisdiction*, FETI Fall Conference, 2016
Co-Author, *Recent Developments in International Law*, ***Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal***, Winter 2015 (50:2)
Co-Author, *Pennsylvania: Appellate—First Amendment Decision*, ***Rawle’s Reports***, Vol. 19, No. 1, January 2015
Co-Author, *Pennsylvania: Trademark Infringement*, ***Rawle’s Reports***, Vol. 16, No. 11, November 2012
Co-Author, *Stigma Damages and Diminution of Property Claims in Environmental Class Actions*, ***Environmental Claims Journal***, Volume 24, Issue 3, 2012
Co-Author, *The Impact of MDL 875 on Asbestos Litigation*, ***Litigation Management***, Spring 2012
Speaker, *Class Actions and Multi District Litigation in the United States*, ABA TIPS International Law Committee and the American Board of Trial Advocates, Nihon University College of Law, Tokyo, Japan, November 2010
Co-Chair, *Understanding, Surviving and Prevailing in the United States Litigation Environment and Masters In Trial Program*, ABA TIPS International Law Committee and the American Board of Trial Advocates, Nihon University College of Law, Tokyo, Japan, November 2010
Co-Presenter, *Alternative Energy – Alternative Torts: The future of alternative energy claims*, 2010 Emerging and Environmental Claims Manager Association (EECMA) Spring Conference & Seminar, May 2010
Speaker, *The Litigation Risks of the US and EU Markets*, Insuring Market Access to the US and EU: Meeting Safety Standards and Managing Risks China Association for the Medical Devices Industry (CAMDI), Shenzhen, China April 2010
Speaker, *Name Brand & Generic Pharmaceuticals- Preparing for the Risks of Litigation in the United States Marketplace*, Seoul, Korea April 2010
Not In My Backyard – Litigating Stigma Damages and Diminution of Property Claims in Environmental Class Actions, ***DRI Toxic Tort & Environmental Law Newsletter***, February 1, 2010, Vol. 1
Speaker, *Introduction of General and Specific Causation Evidence in Toxic Tort Cases: Lead, Benzene and Asbestos*, HB Litigation Conference February 2009
The Age of E-Discovery: Practice Pointers for Preserving and Producing Electronic Documents, ***The Brief Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section***, Summer 2008, Vol. 37
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 – Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)
Chair of the Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Committee of Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, Vice Chair 2002-Present (Chair 2005-2006)
Co-Chair of the International Law Committee
Chair CLE Board
Maryland Bar Association
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Philadelphia Bar Association
Co-Chair Environmental & Toxic Tort Law Committee (2008-2010)
Defense Research Institute
Pennsylvania School Board Association
American Association for Justice (formerly ATLA)
Environmental Inn of Court – Barrister
Delaware Valley Environmental American Inn of Court - Barrister

PUBLIC & BOARD SERVICE:

School Director, Radnor Township, PA (2001-2009)
President (2004-2006; 2007-2008)
Radnor Township Parks and Recreation Board (2001-2004)
Delaware County Community College,
Liaison to Board of Trustees (2001 – 2003)
Delaware County Intermediate Unit (2003-Present)(President 2006-2009)
Delaware County Area Vocational – Technical School Board
(President 2006-2009)
Delaware County Intermediate Unit Education Foundation (2003-2009)
Delaware County Community Foundation, Board of Directors (2007-Present)