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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

John C. McMeekin II, a member of the firm's Executive Committee, was elected **Vice Chair of the American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)** at the ABA TIPS Midyear Meeting, held February 1-4, 2018 in Vancouver, British Columbia. John will begin to serve his term as Vice Chair in August 2018.



John C. McMeekin II

John follows a long line of Rawle & Henderson partners who have dedicated themselves to the profession and to service with the ABA. In 1878, **Francis Rawle**, a leader of the Rawle law offices, became one of the founders of the American Bar Association, and its first secretary and treasurer. In 1902, Francis Rawle became the American Bar Association's president. More recently, **Peter J. Neeson**, Chair of Rawle & Henderson's Environmental, Toxic and Mass Torts Group, served as Chair of ABA TIPS and in 2012 received its most prestigious honor, the James K. Carroll Award for outstanding leadership qualities and service.

The American Bar Association is committed to supporting the legal profession with practical resources for legal professionals while improving the administration of justice, accrediting law schools and establishing model ethical codes. The ABA has nearly 400,000 members today. The ABA TIPS section was established in 1932 and is composed of nearly 18,000 lawyers, judges, law students and non-lawyers who are committed to providing a source of knowledge and leadership on trial practice and critical issues of justice in the areas of tort and insurance law. In addition, ABA TIPS has 32 general committees focused on substantive areas of law and practice.

John is currently serving as Section Secretary of ABA TIPS. He has also served as a Council Member, the Section Revenue Officer, Chair of the Toxic Tort & Environmental Law Committee, Chair of the International Law Committee, and Chair of the CLE Board. He is currently co-chairing the Corporate Counsel Initiative Task Force. In addition to his service with the American Bar Association, Mr. McMeekin chaired the Philadelphia Bar Association Environmental and Toxic Tort Law Committee and has been a member of the Delaware Valley Environmental Inn of Court.

John is a partner in Rawle & Henderson LLP's Philadelphia office. He represents clients as local, national and trial counsel in environmental, toxic and mass torts product and related class actions, products liability, insurance coverage and aviation litigation. He graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Baltimore School of Law. John is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland and related U.S. District Courts as well as the Supreme Court of the United States. He has been published in professional and law review journals on a variety of topics related to toxic tort and environmental litigation throughout the United States and at law schools in Japan, China and Korea. His significant cases can be found in the *BNA Law Reports* and *Law 360*. He has volunteered as an emergency medical technician and is a volunteer firefighter with HazMat certification. He has been rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has been repeatedly selected as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer.

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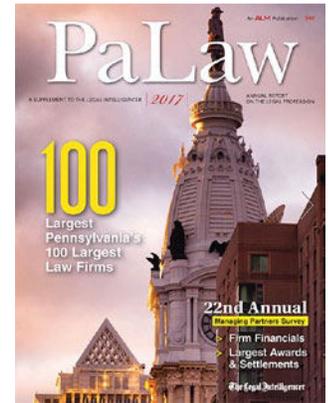
PA LAW 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Rawle & Henderson LLP ranked among top 30 Pennsylvania law firms in size & diversity

Rawle & Henderson LLP has been ranked **28th among the top 100 firms in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania** for 2017, according to the *PaLaw Annual Report on the Legal Profession*, a supplement to *The Legal Intelligencer*. The firm's ranking is based on total number of attorneys in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Rawle & Henderson LLP is ranked **19th largest in the City of Philadelphia** in the *PaLaw Annual Report*. The *Report* was published in November 2017.

In addition, the firm ranked **12th in Pennsylvania by percentage of female attorneys (37.9%)** and **15th in Pennsylvania by percentage of minority attorneys (8.04%)**.

Rawle & Henderson LLP is committed to diversity in the workplace at all levels, including partners, associates, paralegals and staff. The firm has participated and sponsored diversity-promoting events with the American Bar Association, Philadelphia Bar Association and local universities and colleges. As the nation's oldest law firm, established in 1783, Rawle & Henderson LLP remains committed to increasing its diversity.



TEMPLE LAW PROGRAM

Tara Gill Nalencz spoke at the **Temple University Beasley School of Law State Court Honors Interns** program on February 9, 2018, in a session called "*Anatomy of a Civil Case.*" The session focused on trial preparation and presentation with an emphasis on the use of technology. Ms. Nalencz co-presented the session with Andrew Duffy of Saltz Mongeluzzi Barrett & Bendesky, P.C. Tara was invited by President Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper and Judge Annette M. Rizzo (Ret.) to participate in the presentation. This is the fifth year that Tara has participated in the program. Tara was assisted by Barry Pace, the firm's Litigation Support Manager. Barry demonstrated Rawle & Henderson's technological approach to cases and presentations.



Tara Gill Nalencz

Tara is a partner in the firm's Philadelphia office. She focuses her practice on the defense of catastrophic loss matters. Her caseload regularly includes cases involving paraplegia, quadriplegia, traumatic brain injury, severe burns, death and multi-million dollar property damage. This complex trial practice includes high exposure cases involving a wide variety of industries and clients, including: construction, natural gas and oil, industrial machinery and equipment, electric arc furnaces and steelmaking, propane storage, pharmaceutical and medical devices, and property management. She is fluent in Spanish and her practice also includes international matters, such as defending hotel owners and operators in actions where the underlying accident took place outside the United States. Ms. Nalencz has developed strategies for the use of social media in litigation and has presented several times on related topics. She has also become skilled in e-Discovery in both the role of first level collection and review, as well project management. Tara obtained her law degree from the Temple University School of Law in 2004. She earned her Master of Arts degree in Spanish Literature in 2001 from Pennsylvania State University and her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1999 from Dickinson College. Before joining the firm, she served a two-year clerkship for the Honorable Annette M. Rizzo, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. She was also previously appointed to a one-year judicial clerkship for the Honorable Samuel D. Natal in Superior Court of New Jersey in Camden, New Jersey.

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