Three attorneys in the Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh offices of our Commercial Motor Vehicle Section have been selected as 2018 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. We are the only law firm to have CMV attorneys selected as Super Lawyers/Rising Stars in all three cities spanning the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Timothy J. Abeel and Gary N. Stewart have been selected as Super Lawyers; David R. Chludzinski has been named a Rising Star. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.
TIMOTHY J. ABEEL is Chair of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Section and has defended transportation companies in the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Delaware for more than 30 years. He is a partner in the Firm’s Philadelphia office. Tim graduated, magna cum laude, from the State University of New York at Albany and received his J.D. from the Temple University School of Law. Tim was one of the founders of the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA) and he served as President of TIDA in 2000-2001. From 1994 to 2003, he was a member of the TIDA Board of Directors. His clients include some of the largest transportation companies and insurers of commercial motor vehicles in the United States. He is a member of the Executive Committee of Rawle & Henderson. Tim has been rated AV Preeminent and has been selected as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for 15 consecutive years.

GARY N. STEWART is a partner in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Section in our Harrisburg office. Gary is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and Rhode Island, as well as before the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Pennsylvania, the District of New Jersey, the District of Massachusetts, the District of Rhode Island, the District of Connecticut and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First and Third Circuits. He graduated magna cum laude from the Harrisburg campus of Widener University School of Law. Gary was the recipient of the James C. Crumlish Jr. Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Administrative Law. He received his undergraduate degree from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, and holds U.S. Coast Guard professional licenses as Master of Oceans, Steam or Motor Vessels up to 1600 gross tons as well as Chief Officer, unlimited tonnage, all oceans. Gary served as the law clerk for the Honorable Rochelle Friedman, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. He was previously selected by his peers as a Transportation/Maritime Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in 2017, 2016, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2007. He is a member of the Firm’s Executive Committee.

DAVID R. CHLUDZINSKI is Of Counsel to the Firm in our Pittsburgh office. He concentrates his practice on the defense of commercial motor vehicle companies and their insurers. David earned his J.D. from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law in 2005. While attending law school, he was a Comments Editor on the International Law Review and he received the C.A.L.I. Award for advanced pre-trial advocacy. He earned his B.A., cum laude, from Boston College in 2001. David is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Pennsylvania. David was previously selected as a Pennsylvania Rising Star in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. He was elected to a three-year term on the Allegheny County Bar Association’s Civil Litigation Section Council in June 2015. David is a member of the Trucking Industry Defense Association and the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association.

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