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Areas of Practice

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Government Liability and Civil Rights Defense
- Higher Education
- Insurance Defense and Coverage
- Insurance Recovery
- Maritime and Transportation

Admissions

- New York
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Education

- New England Law
- St. Lawrence University

Stephen G. Rhoads is a partner in Montgomery McCracken's Litigation Department and co-chair of the firm's Insurance Recovery Practice Group. He concentrates his practice in the areas of professional and general liability defense, construction disputes, commercial litigation, marine terminal, cargo and shipping liability, and advising educational and non-profit institutions on risk-management.

Stephen works on a wide variety of commercial disputes involving construction, employment, contract, shareholder, insurance coverage, and other business disputes. He dedicates a substantial portion of his practice to complex construction and payment disputes for commercial and residential builders and design professionals and for residential and commercial property owners. An advocate of alternative dispute resolution, he has successfully resolved various claims through arbitration and mediation in federal and state courts and through the American Arbitration Association.

Drawing on his academic background in counseling, Stephen is also uniquely qualified to serve as counsel to mental health and allied professionals as well as educational and non-profit institutions facing professional and general liability claims. He defends licensed professionals in proceedings before the Pennsylvania licensing boards and in malpractice claims in Pennsylvania state and federal courts.

As a former university administrator, Stephen specializes in risk management, conflict resolution and litigation for independent schools, colleges and universities. He has conducted various internal investigations for schools, prisons, and residential treatment facilities.

Prior to returning to Montgomery McCracken, Stephen was a partner at a Chester County-based law firm.

Selected Representations

- Obtained a significant award in favor of a general contractor client for unpaid materials and services, attorneys' fees and interest due from the owner of a luxury home following a six-day hearing before the American Arbitration Association.
- Following a week-long hearing before the Pennsylvania Board of Psychology, obtained a decision in favor of a licensed psychologist accused of having an intimate relationship with a client.
- Represented a contractor in mechanic's lien claims for material and services furnished on a series of self-storage facility projects.

Selected Publications

- Quoted, "[Partner, Founder's Grandson Returns to Montgomery McCracken](#)," *The Legal Intelligencer*, June 2018

Selected Speaking Engagements

- Presenter, "[29th Annual This Year in Nonprofit Law](#)," November 2019
- Presenter, Pennsylvania Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Ethics Conference, December 2018
- Presenter, "[28th Annual This Year in Nonprofit Law](#)," November 2018
- Presenter, "Legal Issues in the Life of a Therapist's Practice", Pennsylvania Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, April 2010
- Presenter, "How to Handle Subpoenas, Court Orders and Complaints to Professional Licensing Boards", Pennsylvania Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, April 2007
- Presenter, "What You Need to Know About Title IX" December 2015

Honors & Awards

- Martin-Hubbell AV Preeminent-Rated Attorney
- *The Legal Intelligencer* Philadelphia Top Rated Lawyer (2012)
 - Business Litigation
- *Main Line Today Magazine* Top Lawyer (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018)

Community Involvement

- Fellow of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Member of West Pikeland Township Zoning Hearing Board
- Member of the Board of Trustees of The Mill at Anselma Preservation and Educational Trust, Inc.
- Advisory Board Member for the W.C. Eagles Field Hockey Club

Professional Activities & Achievements

- Chester County Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association

Academic Achievements

- New England Law | Boston (J.D.)
- St. Lawrence University (M.Ed.)
- St. Lawrence University (B.A.)