

G. MARK THOMPSON

PRESIDENT & CEO
CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SHAREHOLDER



AREAS OF PRACTICE

Product Liability
General Liability
Fraud/Special Investigation
Insurance Defense
Hospitality & Liquor Liability

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ADMISSIONS

Florida
1989

U.S. District Court Middle District
of Florida
1990

U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit
1998

Pennsylvania
2012

Supreme Court of the United
States

EDUCATION

Cumberland School of Law of
Samford University (J.D., 1989)

University of Florida (B.A., 1984)

OVERVIEW

As President and CEO of Marshall Dennehey, Mark is responsible for the day-to-day management and business strategy of the firm which consists of 500 attorneys operating out of 19 offices throughout Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Ohio and Florida. He was elected to the position in December of 2017 after serving more than three years on the Executive Committee and a decade on the Board of Directors. He succeeded Tom Brophy who served in the role for 13 years.

Mark is joined by a management team comprised of two other senior executives, a Board of Directors, managing attorneys from every office, practice group supervisors, administrative directors and over 1,000 employees who combine their talents to develop and implement the strategies and achieve the objectives of the firm and its clients.

Prior to moving to the firm's Philadelphia headquarters in 2014, Mark also served as the regional managing attorney for its four Florida offices. A Florida native, it was there he built a reputation as a "go to" attorney advising Fortune 500 clients in high profile, high exposure and often crisis situations. During his career he has handled matters that attracted international media attention, are the subject of books, a documentary film and in one instance a hearing before the US House of Representatives in Washington DC, at which Mark represented one of the corporations testifying.

Mark has more than 30 years of experience in the legal profession, is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale Hubble, was recognized in 2006, 2007, 2013 and 2014 as a Florida Super Lawyer and in 2012 as one of Florida's Legal Elite by *Florida Trend* magazine. He is admitted to practice before the Florida Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. He has tried cases in county, circuit, and federal courts and argued before the District Courts of Appeal. In 2012 he also became licensed to practice in Pennsylvania.

Prior to attending law school, Mark spent two years working as an insurance adjuster. The experience continues to inform his understanding of the critical needs of claims professionals.

His civic activities include serving on the Board of Directors of Christian Legal Clinics of Philadelphia, a legal aid organization assisting the disadvantaged, whose north Philadelphia clinic was started and is staffed every month by Mark and his colleagues from Marshall Dennehey. Mark also has served on the Grants Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

HONORS & AWARDS

AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®

Florida Super Lawyers
2006-2007, 2013-2014

Florida Trend Magazine's Florida Legal Elite, 2012

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers
2018-2022

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

Defense Research Institute

International Amusement & Leisure Defense Association

International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA)

Orange County Bar Association

YEAR JOINED

2001

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Prominent Trial Attorney Gary Samms Brings Health Care Litigation Group to Marshall Dennehey

Health Care Liability
September 18, 2024

Gary Samms, one of the Philadelphia region's premier medical malpractice trial attorneys, has moved to Marshall Dennehey, bringing with him members of his litigation group from Ober
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Marshall Dennehey Wins First Place at the 2024 Philadelphia Business Journal Best Places to Work Awards

July 26, 2024

Marshall Dennehey was named the first place winner in the extra-large company category at the Philadelphia Business Journal's Best Places to Work Awards, held July 25 at Rivers Casino in Philadelphia.
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An Even Dozen: Marshall Dennehey Named One of the Philadelphia Region's "Best Places to Work" for 12th Consecutive Year

May 30, 2024

For the 12th year in a row, Marshall Dennehey has been selected one of the Philadelphia region's "Best Places to Work" by the Philadelphia Business Journal. The award recognizes the company's achievements in creating a positive work enviro
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Marshall Dennehey Named to BTI Consulting's Client Service A-Team 2024

April 10, 2024

Marshall Dennehey was recognized as a leader in client service in BTI Consulting's Client Service A-Team 2024 report, ranking in the top 20% of all law firms as evaluated by corporate counsel.
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Marshall Dennehey Continues "Best Places to Work" Streak For 11th Year

June 28, 2023

For the 11th year in a row, Marshall Dennehey has been selected one of the Philadelphia region's "Best Places to Work" by the Philadelphia Business Journal.
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CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

The Best Offense is a Good Defense: Managing Liability Claims in Today's Litigious Environment, Business Insurance Webinar, August 12, 2015

The Claim Management Link: Interplay Between Risk Tolerance, Operational Structure, Litigation and Claim Outcomes, CLM Annual Conference, March 2015

Florida Premises Liability - Investigation and Defense

Florida Liquor Liability

Spoliation of Evidence

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Experience Is the Best Teacher for Lateral Moves," *The Legal Intelligencer*, Top Laterals Supplement, February 24, 2015

"Protective Orders: Sword and Shield in the War of Discovery," *12:3 The American Journal of Trial Advocacy*, Summer 1989

MEDIA COMMENTARY

"If Only We Had Full Staffing': This Legal Sector is Spread Thin, but Negotiating Higher Rates," *American Lawyer* and *The Legal Intelligencer*, August 15, 2024

"For The Defense: Insurers' Cost-Cutting Mindset Strains Relationship With Defense Counsel," cover story, *Best's Review*, May 2024

"Pa.'s Second Hundred Firms Saw Modest Gains in 2021," *The Legal Intelligencer*, May 24, 2022

"Marshall Dennehey Cuts Ribbon on New Haven Office," *The Legal Intelligencer* and *Connecticut Law Tribune*, February 28, 2022

"The Way Back: How Law Firms Are Planning for Post-COVID Office Life," *The American Lawyer*, September 2, 2021

"How South Florida Law Firms Are Capitalizing on the Great Florida Migration," *Daily Business Review*, June 29, 2021

"Specialized and Out-of-State Law Firms Dominated Florida Lawyer Hiring in 2020," *Daily Business Review*, June 24, 2021

"Local Law Firms Are Split on Internal Vaccine Messaging," *The Legal Intelligencer*, May 3, 2021

"Back to the Office: From Now to Labor Day, Pa. Firm Leaders are Solidifying Their Plans," *The Legal Intelligencer*, May 6, 2021

"These Firms Steered Clear of Layoffs and Salary Cuts in 2020," *The American Lawyer*, March 19, 2021

"Pandemic Be Damned, Year-End Collections Are Steady (So Far)," *The Legal Intelligencer*, December 22, 2020

"Law Firm Leaders: Marshall Dennehey's G. Mark Thompson," *Law360*, May 20, 2020

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Defended a corporation and obtained summary judgments in multiple federal lawsuits alleging sponsorship, production, distribution and sale of videos depicting plaintiffs' underage participation in various spring break contests.

Defended a manufacturer and obtained satisfactory confidential resolution of claims brought by 51 factory employees alleging toxic exposure.

Defended a state agency and obtained defense verdict in wrongful death trial alleging inadequate traffic control.

Defended a major insurer and obtained defense verdict in trial brought by owner of an oddities museum whose collection and building was completely destroyed by fire.

Defended a tourist destination and obtained summary judgment in a negligence action brought by a contracted performer rendered quadriplegic as a result of an accident during a gymnastic slam dunk exhibition.

Defended a company and obtained defense verdict on appeal in lawsuit alleging bottle "exploded" while being handled by plaintiff.

Defended a tourist destination and obtained defense verdict in trial alleging inadequate slip resistance of drainage grates.

Defended and settled numerous lawsuits involving tractor trailer rollovers allegedly caused by improper loading of cargo.

For nearly 20 years, defended theme parks and tourist destinations throughout Florida in hundreds of cases involving amusement rides, wild animals, negligent security, E-coli outbreaks, slip and falls, defamation, food poisoning, false imprisonment and matters of intellectual property.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Anheuser-Busch, Inc. v. Lenz, 669 So.2d 271 (Fla. 5th DCA 1996)

Becton v. Metal Container Corp., 856 So.2d 982 (Fla. 1st DCA 2003)

Jordan v. Sea World of Florida, Inc., 938 So.2d 991 (Fla. 5th DCA 2006)

Badillo v. Anheuser-Busch, 19 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. D 641 (M.D. Fla. 2006)