



## Dion G. Rassias: A Lawyer's Lawyer

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In a world where everyone claims to be a "trial lawyer", Dion really is. He has stood victorious in the courtroom in all types of cases, from business disputes, complex litigation(s) and insurance matters, to cases involving catastrophically injured members of our community. As you will see below, trying cases is what he does.

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## **TRIAL AND APPELLATE LITIGATION EXPERIENCE**

Dion has extensive experience in trial and appellate litigation in state and federal courts and regulatory agencies throughout the region. He has tried and settled complex commercial litigations involving business disputes, antitrust claims, contracting disputes, healthcare issues, bank fraud and trade secret litigation. In addition, he has tried and settled many cases which have resulted in multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements, all of which have been collected in full, for people and families who have been catastrophically injured and damaged as the result of medical malpractice, professional malpractice, products liability, civil rights violations, discrimination and harassment and related personal injury actions.

In addition to his work on commercial litigations and for catastrophically injured plaintiffs, Dion also represents one of Pennsylvania's fastest growing domestic insurance companies. He now serves as that company's lead trial counsel on major litigation matters throughout the Commonwealth and defends bad faith claims, civil rights cases, discrimination and harassment, fire and explosion cases, subrogation, general liability claims and coverage disputes.

## **Appointments and Public Interest**

In July of 2010, Dion was selected to be a Committee Member serving the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania where he will serve as a Hearing Officer, where he presides over disciplinary cases and claims brought against lawyers throughout the Commonwealth



In June of 2010 he was appointed by the Senate to participate in the Joint State Government's Commission (Senate Resolution 344 of 2010), to study and investigate the criminal justice system in Philadelphia and to develop solutions for the problems involving high violent crime rates, low conviction rates, the bail system, witness intimidation and other matters of significant and important public interest. This advisory committee is comprised of approximately thirty judges, lawyers and prosecutors.

From 2002 until 2010, Dion sat as a member of the Architects Licensure Board. Pennsylvania governors Edward G. Rendell, in 2006, and Mark S. Schweiker, in 2002, appointed Dion, with the advice and consent of the Pennsylvania Senate, to serve on the Board for two 4 year terms. This Board, acting under Pennsylvania's Department of State, is responsible for licensing, investigating and disciplining the Commonwealth's architects.

In January of 2004, he was appointed by the Pennsylvania Senate as a member of the Joint State Government Commission Task Force on Real Property Law (Senate Resolution 244 of 2002). This Joint Commission is a standing group of attorneys and judges from across the Commonwealth who provide expertise and advice to assist the General Assembly by recommending improvements and changes to Pennsylvania laws.

In May of 2002, he was requested to testify before the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee on Senate Bill 1376, on Joint and Several Liability. His diverse experience representing corporations, plaintiffs and insurance defendants helped clarify and articulate issues and concerns about the proposed legislation.

In January 2001, he became one of the youngest members ever appointed by the Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to serve as a member of the Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee, the group which drafts and revises the rules which govern appellate practice in Pennsylvania.

### **Recognized by Legal Media**

Since its inception in 2004, Dion has been selected as a Pennsylvania 'Super Lawyer' by **Philadelphia Magazine** and **Law & Politics**, and has multiple and ongoing recognitions for being in the Top 100 lawyers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and also the Top 100 of lawyers in Philadelphia. This recognition is based upon a survey of over 34,000 lawyers and judges from the Commonwealth to determine the top 5% of attorneys practicing in Pennsylvania, and can be viewed in the "Ultimate Guide to the Top Lawyers in Pennsylvania", found at [www.superlawyers.com](http://www.superlawyers.com).

In October of 2003, Dion was selected by **America Lawyer Media**, **The Legal Intelligencer** and the **Pennsylvania Law Weekly**, as one of Pennsylvania's forty best lawyers under the age of 40. This award represents the Pennsylvania legal world's recognition of lawyers across the state who have worked tirelessly in their professional, personal and civic lives to improve the legal landscape and the future of others.

In October of 2007, he was selected to serve as the moderator for the television coverage of The Pennsylvania Superior Court's en banc oral argument at the National Constitution Center. Dion provided case introductions and commentary and analysis of the Court arguments.

He is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multimillion Dollar Advocates Forum and has maintained a preeminent AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell since 1999.

Dion has published in Butterworth's Journal of International Banking and Financial Law, and has been approved by Continuing Legal Education, Inc. to provide continuing education lectures in the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Florida, and California. He has provided accredited CLE for Montgomery County Bar Association and was a Keynote seminar presenter at the 2004 Luzerne County Bench/Bar Seminar on the topic of Appellate practice.

He completed his undergraduate studies in three (3) years at Stanford University and Dickinson College (B.A. 1984). He graduated from Duquesne University School of Law (J.D. 1987), where he was an academic selection to the Law Review, and a two-time trial moot court champion. He is admitted to practice in the bars of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Claims, and the numerous corresponding Federal Courts in the states where he is admitted. He serves on various professional committees and associations and also maintains an extensive pro bono commitment.



**When smart people have done bad things to you, you'll want someone with Dion's experience, tenacity and background on your side.**

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