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Jim Dalton's practice is focused on commercial, real estate and construction litigation in trial and on appeal, in state and federal court, and before regulatory agencies, arbitration panels and boards of tax assessment appeals. His clients include privately-held and family-owned businesses of all sizes, public companies, property owners, developers, investors, borrowers, lenders, landlords, tenants and construction companies.

In his fourth decade of practice, Jim is knowledgeable in a wide range of industries and experienced in resolving commercial disputes that range from unfair competition, to the dissolution of partnerships, to employment law matters. He has served as lead counsel on complex litigation claims involving the purchase and development of real property, insurance coverage disputes, eminent domain and lender liability actions. He has also defended and prosecuted professional liability disputes, engineering, contractor and subcontractor claims and surety bond claims.

Prior to entering private practice, Jim served as a Deputy District Attorney for Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Jim's experience as a district attorney aided him in developing the ability to "think on his feet" in trial and to establish immediate credibility before judges and juries alike.

An ever-pragmatic counselor who is both diligent and prepared, Jim productively advocates his client's position by balancing ensuing litigation, time and cost. A Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rated attorney, Jim pursues resolution with an ethical and practical approach to problem-solving. A testament to his commitment to those he serves, Jim has maintained client relationships that have spanned decades. He is appreciated by clients and colleagues alike for his analytical skill in assessing the merits of a claim and determining when to proceed and when to settle. Whether immediate resolution behind the scenes is needed or skilled representation in the courtroom is required, Jim is dedicated to delivering the right advice and result at every turn.

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Litigation
- Orphans' Court & Estate Litigation

- Real Estate Tax Assessment
- Consumer Fraud and Business Misrepresentation Litigation

Education

- Villanova University School of Law , J.D. (1985)
- Haverford College (1982)
 - B.A., History and Russian Language

Admissions

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1985)
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1989)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1999)
- United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania (2000)

Memberships

- Chester County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Hon. John E. Stively, Jr. Americans Inns of Court
- Exchange Club Family Center of West Chester
 - Advisory Board Member