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William is an experienced civil litigator who brings over two decades of litigation experience, representing clients in complex liability exposure cases with a focus on catastrophic injury and large exposure property damage claims. He is well-versed in handling cases from inception through trial. His experience extends to briefing and arguing appeals, with a track record of achieving successful trial and appellate results in New York.

William has defended property owners, general contractors, construction managers, and municipalities in casualty cases, including construction accidents, premises liability claims, product liability claims, construction defect claims, transportation, and toxic torts accidents. William also has experience in contract disputes and labor and employment cases, defending employers against claims based on racial discrimination, sexual harassment, and wrongful termination.

William earned his law degree from St. John's University School of Law in 2001 and his bachelor's degree from Queens College in 1997.

Experience

Won summary judgment in a case of first impression in the Supreme Court, Kings County (Brooklyn), which rarely grants dispositive motions. The case stemmed from injuries a 14-year-old sustained at Kings Plaza Mall (owned by our clients) when an e-cigarette -- which a Vape On kiosk operator handed to him -- exploded in his hand. The boy suffered facial scarring, partial loss of his right hand, and total loss of vision in his left eye, and the event received media attention. In dismissing the claims against our clients, the court accepted our arguments that (1) the clients did not have a duty to protect the plaintiff from the third-party tenant's business activities, and (2) the accident was unforeseeable.

Successfully appealed a seven-figure jury verdict entered in favor of a personal injury plaintiff who sued our client after falling from an A-frame ladder inside the client's apartment building. Accepting our argument that the plaintiff had no basis for recovery because he was acting as a volunteer at the time of his injury, the appellate court reversed the judgment, granted our motion for judgment as a matter of law, and dismissed the complaint.

Industry Sectors

- Insurance

Education

- St. John's University School of Law, J.D., 2001
- Queen's University, B.A., 1997

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of New York

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