

J. Michael Kvetan, Esquire

Mediation, Arbitration, Consultation



J. Michael “Mike” Kvetan has practiced as a trial attorney for nearly 30 years. He has handled simple and complex personal injury and property subrogation matters throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and as *pro hac* counsel in Maryland, New York, Virginia, and Connecticut. He has served as lead trial counsel for both plaintiffs and

defendants in over seventy matters tried to verdict. His areas of practice include automobile liability, premises liability, construction accidents, products liability, false arrest, transportation/logistics, and complex property damage subrogation. Throughout his career, he has represented private individuals, municipalities, multi-national corporations, and insurance companies. Mr. Kvetan has conducted confidential investigations and exposure assessments and provided representation and guidance to clients during OSHA, ATF, and law enforcement investigations.

During his career, Mr. Kvetan has supervised and mentored young attorneys and emphasized a cordial and results-focused approach where every hour spent promotes efficient and effective movement toward the targeted outcome.

Nothing is more important to potential litigants than an assessment of risk exposures, costs, and uncertainties based on experience, insight, and sound judgment. As a litigator, mentor, appointed

arbitrator, and judge *pro tempore*, Mr. Kvetan has applied those qualities to countless settlements and awards and has earned a reputation among plaintiffs and defendants as a fair and insightful counselor and arbiter.

Mr. Kvetan offers private mediation, arbitration, and consultation services on an hourly or alternative fee basis.

Mr. Kvetan is a graduate of Drexel University and a *cum laude* graduate of the Beasley School of Law. He is admitted to the bars in Pennsylvania and New Jersey as well as the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania, and the District of New Jersey. Some representative matters are listed below.

Estate of Benjamin Knight. Acted as special counsel in an internal and OSHA/State Police investigation of a tragic fatality caused by a receiving bay door failure in Erie, Pennsylvania. Represented client in negotiated pre-litigation settlement with the estate and court approval

process. Secured subrogation recovery of contractual indemnity.

Porter v. Eden Cemetery, USDC ED PA, #18-290.

Lead counsel defending claims of negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress arising from mishandling of human remains.

Dos Santos v. Boyle Construction, Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County, #2016-C-2841.

Lead counsel in defense of personal injury matter arising from above-the-knee amputation of worker's leg crushed during operation of over-terrain forklift.

Brubaker v. Mid Atlantic Machinery, Court of Common Pleas of York County, #2015-CV-2394.

Lead counsel in defense of personal injury matter arising from crush injury sustained by worker while using a hydraulic vice on an industrial horizontal band saw.

Howard v. Eastown Township Police

Department, USDC EDPA, #19-1697. Obtained dismissal of 1983 claims arising from alleged racially motivated arrest and prosecution of minor.

***Jenkins v. Adult Day Services*, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, #170104592.** Obtained non-suit at trial of personal injury matter brought by geriatric patient who sustained a fractured leg alleged to be caused by negligent care.

***Spectra Audio Research v. Steve S. Chon, et al*, Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, Index No. 651953/2010.** Lead Trial Counsel. Obtained \$633,841 verdict for water damage arising from negligent installation and maintenance of water supply pipes in a Manhattan commercial building.

***Southern Insurance Company a/s/o Starch Architecture v. KBS, Inc., et al.*, Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, Virginia, Case No. 06-2292.** Achieved confidential pre-trial settlement for damages arising from complete destruction of multi-story residential dormitory arising from a fire at the Virginia Commonwealth University caused by a construction worker's carelessly discarded cigarette.

***Allstate Indemnity Company a/s/o Victor Martinez v. Ramos Fuel and Trucking, LLC*, Judicial District of Fairfield Connecticut at Bridgeport, DOCKET NO. FBT-CV-08-5013229-S.** Lead Trial Counsel in matter seeking damages arising from fire caused by negligent fuel oil delivery.

***DGI-Menard, Inc. v. Albert h. Antoine Equipment Rentals, et al*, Superior Court of New Jersey, Hudson County, L 2934 08.** Co-counsel in drill rig collapse arising from improper rigging.