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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Transportation
Construction Site Accidents
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Toxic Tort and Environmental

EDUCATION

Hofstra University 1987
J.D.

State University College at
Oneonta 1984

EXPERIENCE

James A. Edwards is a Partner and senior trial attorney in the New York City office. He has devoted his career to defending owners, contractors, and manufacturers against high exposure personal injury and property damage lawsuits, including construction accidents, premises liability, asbestos, environmental and lead poisoning, and other catastrophic events.

Mr. Edwards is AV rated Preeminent by Martindale Hubbell for the highest possible peer review ratings of ethical standards and ability and was selected to the 2013-2017 New York Metro Super Lawyers.

In over 34 years of practice, he has tried cases in the State and Federal Courts of the City of New York and surrounding counties on issues involving the New York Labor Law, Product Liability, Dram Shop, Premises Liability, Asbestos, Lead Paint, Carbon Monoxide and other chemical exposures, as well as Automobile and General Negligence.

Mr. Edwards has lectured on topics ranging from Trial Practice; the New York Labor Law; Insurance and Indemnity; and the Navigation Law. His New York Law Journal articles on General Obligations Law 5 – 322.1 are cited as practice commentaries in McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York.

He is the President of the New York State Bar Association Torts Insurance and Compensation Law section, the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, the Defense Association of New York and the Board of Governors of the New York City Trial Lawyers Association.

In 2010, Mr. Edwards was named Defense Attorney of the Year by the Institute for Jewish Humanities.

Published Works:

1. Appellate Division Ruling Confuses Anti-Subrogation Analysis New York Law Journal September 12 1996
2. When a General Contractor is Partially at Fault New York Law Journal November 3 1997
3. Courts Wrestle with Indemnity Clauses New York Law Journal November 9

1998

Representative Cases:

1. Itri Brick v. Aetna Casualty/Stottlar v. Ginsburg 89 N.Y.2d 786(New York, 1997)
2. M.J. Williams Corp. v. Roma Fragrances 166 A.D.2d 327(1st Dept. 1990)
3. Kane v. A.J. Cohen 172 A.D.2d 720(2nd Dept.1991)
4. Cirigliano v. UA Theatre Circuit, Inc. 232 A.D.2d 602(2nd Dept. 1996)
5. Sellet v. United Artists Theaters, Inc. 251 A.D.2d 488(2nd Dept. 1998)
6. Stajk v. Danskin, Inc. 249 A.D.2d 294(2nd Dept. 1998)

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of New York, 1988

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of NY, 1989

U.S. District Court, Southern District of NY, 1991

U.S. District Court, Northern District of NY, 1993

MEMBERSHIPS

New York City Trial Lawyers Alliance, President

New York State Bar Association, Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section

Defense Association of NY (DANY)

Brooklyn Manhattan Trial Lawyers Association

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

2010 Institute for Jewish Humanities Defense Attorney of the Year

2010 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition

2011 NYS Troopers Signal 30 Fund Award

2011 NYS Assembly Certificate of Merit