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Harry D. Norton, Jr. is a Partner in our New Jersey office, and he has defended insurers and insureds for more than 40 years.

Harry is sought after by both courts and law firms for his skills as an arbitrator and mediator. He specializes in insurance matters including personal injury reimbursement claims, premises liability, construction, governmental liability and other disputes. He also represents clients in arbitration and mediation and on appeal.

Before joining Hall Booth Smith in 2021, he was a Partner at Norton, Sheehy, Murphy & Corrubia, P.C. a law firm in New Jersey.

Harry serves as a Municipal Court Judge in six different municipalities and has served as a Borough Attorney or Special Counsel for the municipalities of Saddle River, Ramsey and the Village of Ridgefield Park, as well as for the cities of Hackensack, Clifton and Paterson.

He is a panel attorney for the South Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund, the Municipal Excess Liability Fund for Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability, and the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund for Municipal Liability. He also serves on the mediation panel for the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Earlier in his career, Harry was an Assistant Prosecutor in the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, serving as Chief of the Trial Section and Chief of the Grand Jury Section. He was a law secretary for the Honorable John L. Ard in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Harry earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Seton Hall University School of Law, where he served as the Director of the Legislative Bureau and received the Seton Hall Law Center Alumni Award. He also completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in government and law at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, where he was the recipient of the Pepper Prize for outstanding leadership and was named to the Dean's List.

Harry is an avid golfer, and has been a member of the Hackensack Golf Club for more than 25 years, a member of the Marsh Creek Country Club in St. Augustine, Florida, for more than 20 years, a member of the Trenton Country Club for more than a decade, and an overseas member of the County Sligo Golf Club at Rosses Point in Ireland.

EXPERIENCE

Harry is sought after by both courts and law firms for his skills as an arbitrator and mediator. Harry also has more than 40 years of experience representing clients in a wide range of insurance litigation, liability matters, mediation, arbitration and appeals. He works closely with each client to ensure their legal strategy is aligned with their long-term business goals, and to defend their rights during litigation and at trial. He also handles appeals, where he helps clients preserve a hard-won victory or overturn an unfavorable outcome.

ADMITTED

- New Jersey state courts
- New York state courts
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- Supreme Court of the United States

EDUCATION

- J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law
- B.A., Lafayette College

PUBLICATIONS

- “Litigating the Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claim,” Published by National Business Institute, October 2012.
- “Settling Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claim,” Published by National Business Institute, March 2010.
- “Getting the Best Settlement in Auto Injury Cases,” Published by the National Business Institute, September 2009.
- “Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Law in New Jersey,” by Harry D. Norton, Jr., Esq. and Richard H. Wildstein, Esq., Published by National Business Institute, 2001.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Volunteer III Member of the Office of Attorney Ethics, Appointed by Supreme Court, 2010-2014
- American Bar Association – Litigation Section, Torts and Insurance Law Section, and Municipal Law Section
- New Jersey State Bar Association – Co-Chair, Automobile Litigation and No Fault Committee, 2021-2022
- Bergen County Bar Association – Chairman, Judicial Section Committee; Member, Law Day Committee; Coordinator, Mock Trial Competition; Member, Municipal Court Committee
- Passaic County Bar Association – Member, Supreme Court of New Jersey District XI Ethics Committee, 1997-2000; Vice Chair, 1998-1999; Chair, 1999-2000; Trustee, 2017-2020; Chair, Bench Bar Liaison Committee
- New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys, Trustee
- New Jersey Defense Association, Member
- Defense Research Institute, Member

Recognitions

- Passaic County Bar Association Distinguished Practitioner
- Bergen County Bar Foundation, Lawyer Achievement Award
- New Jersey *Super Lawyers*®, 2012-Present

- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating

Presentations

- “Federal Civil Practice,” Co-Presented with Judge Douglas E. Arpert, U.S.M.J., NJDA Speaker at Annual Meeting, June, 2020.
- “Municipal Court Practice – A View from the Bench,” Bergen County Bar Association, September 2019.
- “DWI Institute 2019,” Participant in presentation at New Jersey State Bar Association Headquarters, August 2019.
- “Municipal Court Practice,” Panelist at New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting, 2019.
- “Municipal Court Practice,” Panelist at New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting, 2018.
- “2017 Civil Case Law Update,” Speaker at New Jersey Defense Association Annual Meeting in Hershey, Pennsylvania, June 2017.
- “Hot Tips Seminar,” Speaker at Passaic County Bar Association, April 2017.
- “Auto Injuries: Advanced Plaintiff Strategies,” Speaker at National Business Institute, April 2017.
- “Civil Reservation of Rights: Application of Maida v. Kuskin in Personal Injury Actions,” Speaker at CLE Seminar, New Brunswick, New Jersey, August 2016.
- “DWI Institute,” Participant in conference at New Jersey State Bar Association Headquarters New Brunswick, New Jersey, August 2016.
- “Auto Injury Litigation from Start to Finish,” Speaker at National Business Institute, July 2016.
- “Introduction to Motion Practice and Trial Techniques in Municipal Court,” Speaker at New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 2016.
- “Wrongful Death Litigation: Start to Finish,” Speaker at National Business Institute, December 2015.
- “Municipal Court Practice – A View from the Bench,” Panelist at meeting of the Bergen County Bar Association, December 2015.
- “DWI Arrests,” Panelist at the Mid-Year State Bar Association Meeting New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2015.
- “DWI Institute,” Participant at conference at New Jersey State Bar Association Headquarters New Brunswick, New Jersey, August 2015.
- “Hot Tips in Civil Litigation,” Speaker at the Institute for Continuing Education at New Jersey State Bar Association Headquarters in New Brunswick, New Jersey, September 2014.
- “Municipal Court 101 – Trying Cases in Municipal Court: The Basics,” Speaker at the New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 2014.
- “Hot Tips in Civil Litigation,” Speaker at the Mid-Year Meeting of the New Jersey State Bar Association Rome, Italy, November 2013.

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