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Heather J. Zambelli is the Managing Partner of the firm's Pittsburgh office and a member of the Board of Directors. In addition to these responsibilities, Attorney Zambelli is also a practicing Attorney and Partner in the Workers' Compensation Group. She focuses her practice exclusively on defending employers, insurance carriers and third-party administrators in all workers' compensation matters.

Ms. Zambelli has significant experience litigating cases before Judges throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, before the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board and the Commonwealth Court. Ms. Zambelli regularly presents seminars to clients and prospective clients regarding the most effective and cost-conscious ways to adjust and litigate workers' compensation claims in Pennsylvania. She is a frequently requested speaker for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Department of L&I, and other organizations, including recent presentations at the following events:

1. NBI CLE Seminar Speaker August 15, 2018: "Human Resource Law from A to Z".

2. PBI Tough Problems in Workers' Compensation 2018 Speaker: Case Law Update Related to Protz and Act 111.

3. PBI Workers' Compensation 2019 Fall Section Meeting Speaker: Medicare Compliance.

4. Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry 2021 Workers' Compensation Conference Speaker: "As the Claim Turns".

5. PBA Workers' Compensation 2025 Fall Section Meeting Speaker: "Investigating the Workers' Compensation Claim: Best Practices and Pitfalls in Pennsylvania".

6. Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry 2026 Workers' Compensation Conference Speaker: "Eyes on the Claim: Balancing Privacy and Proof in WC".

Ms. Zambelli is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, West Virginia (inactive) and Ohio (inactive), as well as the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia. She served multiple executive positions and ultimately served as the 2022/2023 Chair of the Allegheny County Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Section.

Ms. Zambelli has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* annually since 2021 in the area of Workers' Compensation Defense. Inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is based upon rigorous peer-review evaluations and is considered to be one of the most credible measures of legal integrity and distinction. She was also named to the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star* list for 2022 and 2023.

Ms. Zambelli received her B.S., *cum laude*, from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005 and her J.D., *cum laude*, from Duquesne University School of Law in 2008, graduating in the top twenty-percent of her class. While attending law school, she was selected for the National Tax Appellate Moot Court team and was a recipient of several scholarships and awards, including the John J. Sciullo Peer Excellency Award, an honor bestowed by her peers for leadership, community service and academic excellence.

PRACTICE AREAS

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