

Michael A. Fetzner

Of Counsel

Michael's varied law practice over 44 years included real estate, estate planning and administration and workers' compensation. He previously served as Assistant District Attorney for Erie County and was appointed Special Prosecutor in 1980. He was active in both the Erie County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, having served as ECBA President and in many other leadership capacities over the years. He also served as an Advisory Board member of Penn Attorneys Title Insurance Company.

Practice Areas

- [Estate Planning & Administration](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Workers' Compensation](#)

Education

- The Dickinson School of Law, J.D.
- Gannon University, B.S.

Admissions and Ratings

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New York

Ratings

- [AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated](#)

Representative Experience

- Successfully defended several large manufacturers against numerous significant hearing loss and repetitive motion claims
- Successfully defended a large manufacturing company against a claim whereby an employee alleged that repeated exposure to toxic chemicals compromised his immune system

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- Facilitated the financing and construction of multiple renovation and expansion projects for local nonprofit organizations
- Counseled numerous employers in Northwestern Pennsylvania in establishing risk management programs that involve periodic file review and successful use of modified duty to return injured employees to the workforce, thus effectively reducing workers' compensation costs

Honors

- Included in [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), (Workers' Compensation Law - Employers), 2014-2023



- Selected as [Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year"](#) for the Pittsburgh metropolitan area in Workers' Compensation Law - Employers (2022)
- 2015 Chancellor of the Bar Award, Erie County Bar Association
- Board of Governors Service Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Distinguished Leadership Award, Erie County Bar Association
- John Reed Society, Dickinson School of Law

Community and Professional Service

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- YMCA of Erie County, *Past Chairman, Board of Trustees*
- Dickinson School of Law, *1834 Society Member, John Reed Society Member*
- Village at Luther Square, *Former Board of Director, Former Finance Committee Member*
- St. Peter's Cathedral, *Council Member*
- Kakhwa Club, *Past President, Board of Directors*

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association, *Former Law Day Committee Chair; Former Executive Committee Member; Former Workers' Compensation Council Member; Former President; Former Treasurer*
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, *Board of Governors*
- Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, *Fellow*
- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Defense Institute
- First American Title Insurance Company, *Affiliate*
- Penn Attorneys Advisory Board, *Former Member*