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Peter G. Rossi's practice centers on property damage cases with emphasis on floods and water damage litigation.

Peter tries bench and jury trials in state and federal courts in various jurisdictions throughout the country and in Europe and Asia. He focuses in complex litigation involving product and property defects and infrastructure failures such as floods. Peter has tried hundreds of criminal and civil cases to verdict and has successfully mediated many more. He is also active in pro bono capital punishment litigation.

Peter is the vice president of the board of directors of the Defender's Association of Philadelphia, Philadelphia's Public Defender organization and past president of the board of directors of the Philadelphia VIP, the Philadelphia bar association's volunteer pro bono organization. Peter is the co-chair of the firm's Flood Task Force. Peter earned his associate degree at Keystone College, his Bachelor of Arts at The Pennsylvania State University in and his law degree at Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Experience

Secured a 100 percent jury verdict on behalf of a subrogated carrier in multi-million dollar commercial flood case in Pittsburgh, Pa. This matter was tried in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Secured a 100 percent jury verdict on behalf of a subrogated carrier in a \$30+ million flood claim in Philadelphia. This matter was tried in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Achieved a seven-figure settlement on behalf of a subrogated insurer in litigation in Indiana involving \$25 million in flood damage to a local institution.

Obtained habeas corpus relief for death penalty inmate in collaboration with the Federal Defender of the Middle District of Pennsylvania. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania granted the habeas corpus petition, finding that the State had impermissibly withheld impeachment evidence regarding its key prosecution witness and that trial counsel had failed to effectively represent the client in the penalty phase of his trial. The Court ordered the State to retry the client or to release him. The case is currently on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Practice Areas

- Subrogation & Recovery

Industry Sectors

- Insurance

Education

- Temple University School of Law, J.D., 1980
- Pennsylvania State University, B.A., 1975
- Keystone College, A.A.

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court -- Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court -- Western District of Pennsylvania

Awards & Honors

- **FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT - 2008**
Twenty-one Cozen O'Connor attorneys were named to the 2008 Pro Bono Honor Roll of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.
- Best Lawyers in America 2021

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