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Dexter handles complex litigation matters for major corporations, governmental organizations, and nonprofit entities. He is an experienced trial attorney and practices in the areas of commercial litigation, construction litigation, product liability, and toxic tort litigation. In the past several years, he has tried cases to verdict, including commercial matters and catastrophic injury cases. He has been lead counsel in complex matters in state and federal courts across the country.

Dexter serves as outside general counsel for a health system and advises the organization in a variety of matters, including litigation, labor and employment, compliance, contracts, internal investigations, and corporate governance.

Dexter is a member of the Widener University Board of Trustees. He also participates in a number of civic and community activities. He is General Counsel for the African American Chamber of Commerce of PA, NJ, DE. He serves as a Judge Pro Tempore for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, where he presides at settlement conferences. He is a member of The Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and a member of the board of the Lawyers Club of Philadelphia. Previously, Dexter served on the board of directors of the Bethesda Project, an organization that serves the chronically homeless and was appointed by the Mayor of Philadelphia to the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations.

He earned his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1987, where he was the recipient of the Civil Trial Advocacy Award and was elected an officer of his graduating class. He earned his B.A., *magna cum laude* from Widener University in 1983, where he was recognized as the most outstanding student in political science. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Experience

Represents an insurance commissioner in an insurance company rehabilitation and liquidation matter with national implications.

Represents a Class I Railroad in toxic tort matters pending in numerous states across the country.

Won a 10-day bench trial for a subcontractor pursuing claims against a general contractor and a state Department of Transportation.

Represented a manufacturer in a commercial dispute with a distributor.

Represented a gas utility in a high exposure contract dispute related to the use of a 10,000-mile interstate transmission pipeline system.

Secured a defense verdict for the manufacturer of asbestos containing brake lining in a case filed by an individual with mesothelioma after proving that the client provided adequate warning.

Represented a variety of manufacturers in mass tort litigation, and acted as trial counsel in numerous jury trials.

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Product Liability
- Nonprofit & Tax-Exempt Organizations

Education

- University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D.
- Widener University, B.A.

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court -- Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court -- New Jersey
- U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Barristers Association of Philadelphia
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association, Co-Chair of the Federal Courts Committee
- Philadelphia Police Foundation, Board of Directors

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Represented a worker's compensation insurance company in a lawsuit alleging damages in excess of \$4 million against a policyholder. Proved fraud against the policyholder by clear and convincing evidence and recovered attorney's fees.

Served as a senior trial counsel for complex matters for Caesars Entertainment Company.

Co-chaired a legal malpractice trial on behalf of prominent law firm in a matter brought by a shareholder of a former corporate client. The matter involved whether the owners of the closely held corporation were also clients of the law firm. The alleged damages were \$4.3 million. Despite the testimony of Plaintiffs and their expert, our client was awarded a non-suit and a complete win.

Served as outside general counsel for a national debt collection firm which had contracts with municipal governments, utilities, and the U.S. Department of Education and provided advice in the areas of litigation, regulation, real estate, government contracts, and business financing.

Won a \$1.3 million jury verdict for The City of Philadelphia in connection with a fire at the Fairmount Waterworks Engine House, which was built in 1815 and was our nation's first municipal waterworks.

Won a \$777,000 jury verdict for The City of Philadelphia in connection with the faulty installation of a sprinkler system in Philadelphia City Hall, a building which was completed in 1901 and is still the world's tallest masonry building.

Represented a gas utility in a gas explosion incident.

Assisted the manufacturer of a well-known vitamin supplement with the resolution of consumer protection claims in the states of Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Won a binding arbitration, and recovered attorney's fees, for an explosion demolition company in a serious construction site injury.

Represented a gas utility in multimillion dollar breach of product warranty litigation.

Represented a Canadian paper manufacturer in a catastrophic industrial accident involving a fatality and serious chemical burns.

Successfully argued an appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit for a national builder of luxury homes.

Represented an international insurance company in multimillion dollar railroad worker occupational disease insurance coverage disputes.

Represented a Portuguese machine manufacturer in industrial accidents.