



MEET GARY

Gary has comprehensive experience in complex civil litigation matters. His law practice concentrates in the areas of commercial, medical malpractice, professional liability, health care, sexual assault claims, intellectual property litigation, and cases of high monetary exposure. Gary chairs the firm’s Professional Liability Practice Group and the Catastrophic Loss Group.

EXPERIENCE

As an active litigator, Gary has tried well over 200 major jury trials and has had success in Federal and State court as well as arguing successfully before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Gary is also a former founder and litigation partner at Maturano, Patete & Samms, whose practice focused on civil litigation and criminal defense. Furthermore, he has directed litigation involving numerous commercial and injunction matters. He began his career clerking for the Honorable Robert J. Shenkin of the Chester County Court of Common Pleas.

Gary is a recognized speaker and lecturer, most frequently speaking on trial tactics, experts, and cross-examination. He has also been published in various health care publications on topics varying from Informed Consent to Selecting an Expert. He has also been featured on Fox Business News’ “Xpert Forum.” He also serves as a Judge Pro Tem for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and serves as a trained mediator.

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Obermayer Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers 2025

August 15, 2024 by Darwin R. Beauvais, Rebecca A. Berger, Stephanie Steckclair Tarantino, Shaun Staller, Amanda C. Frett, Nathan D. Fox, Kellie A. McGowan, Matthew S. Olesh, Michael A. Thom, Marcelina R. Policicchio, Mathieu J. Shapiro, Gary Samms, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Shari B. Veisblatt, Adam Tanker, Alina Chuklin, Tara Burns, Michael D. Vagnoni, Nina B. Stryker, Leslie B. Spoltore, Michelle L. Ringel,

Nicholas Poduslenko, Hillary J. Moonay, Thomas A. Leonard III, David L. Ladov, Andrew J. Horowitz, Paul C. Heintz, Samantha J. Evian, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

Gary Samms Discusses His Defense Verdict Win in \$12M Infant Death Case in The Legal Intelligencer

July 17, 2024 by Gary Samms

Gary Samms Discusses Philadelphia’s Record-Breaking High-Dollar Verdicts in The Legal Intelligencer

July 17, 2024 by Gary Samms

Gary Samms secures a unanimous defense verdict on behalf of a cardiologist

May 20, 2024 by Gary Samms

Obermayer Attorneys Named to Pennsylvania 2024 Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars Lists®

May 20, 2024 by Hayley N. Purcell Sinkler, Stephanie Steckclair Tarantino, Melissa M. Blanco, Shaun Staller, Kellie A. McGowan, Michael A. Thom, Marcelina R. Policicchio, Mathieu J. Shapiro, Gary Samms, William J. Leonard, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Adam Tanker, Alina Chuklin, Tara Burns, Nina B. Stryker, Nicholas Poduslenko, Michael S. Pepperman, Nicole E. Norcross, Hillary J. Moonay, Thomas A. Leonard III, David L. Ladov, Samantha J. Koopman, Andrew J. Horowitz, Paul C. Heintz, Edmond M. George, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

Gary Samms obtains a defense verdict on behalf of a gynecological surgeon

April 16, 2024 by Gary Samms

ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Gary has gained acclaim for his trial work and has been named five times to the lists as one of *Pennsylvania’s Top 100 Lawyers* and one of *Philadelphia’s Top 100 Lawyers by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®*. He has been selected for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* in the past eighteen consecutive years, including in 2023, an honor bestowed upon only 5% of Pennsylvania lawyers. He has previously been named one of “*Pennsylvania’s 50 on the Fast Track*” in 2001 by his peers.

Gary is a former President of the Chester County Bar Association, Young Lawyer Division. He has served on the Board of Directors for both the Chester County Bar Foundation and the Chester County Bar Association (1991-94). Gary has also served in a leadership capacity with the following:

- Defense Research Institute
- American Inns of Court
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Board of Directors for the Upper Main Line YMCA
- Chester County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Subcommittee on Human Rights (1993-96)
- East Whiteland Planning Commission (1993-96)
- St. Patrick’s Men’s Club

- Board of Directors, Vice President, The Other Carpenter (Nonprofit Organization)
- Collegium Charter School Board of Trustees, Past President
- Turks Head Athletic Club, Solicitor
- Vice President, Conestoga Legion Baseball

Throughout his career, Gary has also been honored by his peers and the legal community for his outstanding work. His recognitions include:

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2024 and 2025
- *The Legal Intelligencer* – 2020 Professional Excellence Award – “Distinguished Leader”
- *Suburban Life Magazine* – “Reader’s Choice Top Attorneys” – Malpractice Law area (2011 and 2010)
- *Suburban Life Magazine* – Top Attorneys (2013-2022)
- Top 100: Pennsylvania Super Lawyers (2009-2011; 2013-2014)
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- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers (2006-2024)
- “Pennsylvania’s 50 on the Fast Track” (2001)
- Philadelphia Life “Top Attorney”

Awards Won*



*[Click here](#) for a description of the standard or methodology on which the awards and honors are based. No aspect of this advertisement is approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

EDUCATION

- University of Arkansas School of Law, JD
- West Chester University, BS

ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- Federal Eastern District
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

CAPABILITIES

Litigation

Commercial Litigation
Insurance

Industry Focus

Health Care

Business & Finance

Intellectual Property