

“we don’t focus on problems,  
we focus on solutions.”

## Donna M. DiPietro

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Donna DiPietro specializes in insurance defense. She has 20 years of litigation experience representing insurance companies and their policyholders. Donna has successfully defended commercial clients and individuals in automobile, premises and general liability cases. Her advocacy, negotiation skills and attention to detail in the preparation of every case consistently leads to positive results for her clients. A seasoned litigator, Donna’s experience encompasses jury trials, arbitrations and appellate work.

### Relevant Experience

- Extensive experience in all phases of civil litigation including jury trials and arbitrations.
- Representation of individual and commercial insured clients involved in motor vehicle liability litigation.
- Representation of individual and commercial insured clients involved in premises liability litigation.
- Representation of individual and commercial insured clients involved in general liability litigation.
- Representation of optometrist in medical malpractice case.
- Representation of commercial clients involved in construction liability cases.
- Representation of insurance companies in defense of first party claims including medical benefits, wage benefits and uninsured/underinsured motorist benefits claims.
- Practice includes Philadelphia and suburban jurisdictions in addition to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

### Education

J.D., Widener University School of Law,  
1995

Student-Attorney, Widener University  
School of Law Tax Clinic

Court Clerk, Superior Court of Delaware,  
Office of the Prothonotary

Student Research Assistant, The  
American Law Institute

B.S., West Chester University, 1992

### Admissions

Pennsylvania

United States District Court, Eastern  
District of Pennsylvania

### Membership

NAMWOLF (National Association of Minority  
and Women Owned Law Firms)

WBENC (National Women’s Business  
Enterprise Certification)

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Philadelphia Bar Association

## Representative Matters

- Obtained a defense award in a pedestrian/motor vehicle accident case involving significant injuries.
- Secured summary judgment for an optometrist in a medical malpractice action stemming from LASIK surgery.
- Obtained a defense arbitration award for an insurance carrier in a first party medical benefits case under the “use and maintenance” exclusion where Plaintiff alleged a fall occurred in a pot hole outside the vehicle.
- Obtained a defense arbitration award in a premises liability case where it was alleged that the homeowner was negligent in maintaining his property, which caused a pedestrian to fall and suffer injuries.
- Obtained a defense award after InterCompany Arbitration where insured was hired to provide a 24-hour security guard on a school construction site. During the night, vandalism occurred resulting in \$101,000 in property damage. Insured company was not available to testify and the identity of the guard was unknown. The defense award was based upon the finding that “One guard could not protect and patrol 32 acres - contractor was responsible for the number of security guards hired.” The defense successfully established the size of the property to be 32 acres, which was cited as a factor leading to the defense award.
- Obtained a defense arbitration award in a slip and fall matter for a commercial client. Through fact discovery, the defense successfully established that the fall could not have occurred as the Plaintiff stated and that there was an alternative path that the Plaintiff could have taken if she came upon the icy driveway.
- Obtained judgment on the pleadings in a case filed against a student and his parents for injuries sustained by the Plaintiff during a high school wrestling class.
- Obtained reversal of the trial court’s directed verdict in favor of Plaintiff and a new trial. *Cicconi Auto Body v. Nationwide*, Pennsylvania Superior Court (2006).
- Obtained a defense verdict in a case brought by a minor camper injured by a golf cart. Defense verdict was upheld on appeal.
- Obtained a defense jury verdict in a motor vehicle accident case based upon lack of causation in Philadelphia State Court.
- Obtained defense jury verdict in a premises liability case by tenant against landlord based upon lack of factual cause in Philadelphia State Court.
- Obtained defense arbitration award in motor vehicle case against ambulance company.

## Other

Moot Court Judge and Law Student Mentoring Program, Widener University School of Law

Community Architectural Review Committee Charter Member

St. Jude Warrior