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Sam is the Litigation Department administrative partner in the Exton office and litigates disputes in courts and administrative fora throughout Pennsylvania. Sam's pragmatic, business-like approach helps clients resolve disputes efficiently and cost-effectively.

Sam has significant experience in disputes involving pipeline installation in Pennsylvania's Delaware Valley. He has helped landowners protect their property rights against interference by the utility installing the pipeline.

Sam also litigates matters concerning the assignments of lottery prizes and structured settlement proceeds. Sam manages the firm's practice in this area, which encompasses the representation of financial services companies throughout the United States, including the courts of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Colorado, California and Nevada.

Sam also handles matters for municipalities and school districts throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Representative matters from the past three years include:

- Obtained approval of \$93.5 million sale of wastewater facility in dispute before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;
- Prevailed in dispute over location for construction of \$3 million bus depot;
- Defending financial service company in high stakes dispute over assignments of structured settlement proceeds;
- Defended consumer class action on behalf of financial services company accused of fraud in procuring sales of structured settlement proceeds;
- Litigating dispute concerning meaning of Pennsylvania's Structured Settlement Protection Act;
- Defending regional health network in \$28 million contract dispute;
- Obtained preliminary injunction precluding departing physician from competing with former medical practice;
- Obtaining extraordinary relief for construction firm concerning its land use rights; and
- Defeated a contractor's request for a preliminary injunction, allowing a critical land development project to move forward.

In addition, Sam handles contract drafting and negotiation, and provides counseling to clients regarding risk identification, mitigation and avoidance.



## Beyond Fox Rothschild

Sam resides in Chester County with his wife and children. He is active in many community and professional organizations.

## Honors & Awards

- Selected to the "Super Lawyers - Rising Stars" list for Litigation in Pennsylvania (2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013-2017)\*

[\\*Awards Methodology](#)

## Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Construction
- Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance
- Financial Services Industry
- Insurance

## Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

## Education

- Villanova University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2003)
- Boston College (B.A., 1999)

## Memberships

- Chester County Bar Association
- Berks County Bar Association

## Board of Directors

- Chester County Bar Association
  - President
  - Former Vice President
- Member, Board of Directors, Chester County Bar Foundation
- Exton Region Chamber of Commerce
- Former Chairperson, Exton Region Chamber of Commerce
- Former Member of Executive Committee, Exton Region Chamber of Commerce



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- Former Chair, Chester County Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Committee