



# Dylan Alper

## Member

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### Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Transportation & Logistics Litigation

### Education

- Villanova University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2012
- Washington University in St. Louis, B.S., 2009

### Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

### Court Admissions

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

### Awards & Honors

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers "Rising Star" 2022. This award is conferred by Super Lawyers. A description of the selection methodology can be found [here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

An experienced litigator with a strong understanding of how to successfully navigate pre-trial practice to position a case for favorable resolution, Dylan has a keen awareness of the business implications surrounding litigation and constantly seeks to balance aggressive advocacy with cost-effective counseling for his clients. He concentrates his practice in matters involving catastrophic casualty claims, premises liability, commercial and residential construction and property disputes, transportation & logistics, product liability, insurance, and other complex torts and business disputes. He has successfully tried multiple cases to verdict, has handled numerous mediations and arbitrations, and has secured countless dismissals and favorable settlements for individual, insurance, and corporate clients.

Dylan serves on the Member Committee and previously served as co-chair of the firm's Associates Committee and chair of the Associates Social Committee. He is also actively involved in summer associate and lateral recruiting, and the mentoring of associates. He has served for a number of years as captain of the firm basketball team in the Philadelphia Lawyers League and is a founding member of Cozen O'Connor Champions, a firm committee that combines running and fitness with business development activities. Prior to joining the firm, Dylan participated in the firm's Summer Associate Program.

Active in pro bono and community work, Dylan has served on the Eastern District of Pennsylvania's Attorney Panel for Pro Se Prisoner Civil Rights Cases, does charitable work to benefit various local organizations such as Philabundance, and recently collaborated with the Pennsylvania Innocence Project to help exonerate a man who served a decade in prison for a crime he did not commit.

Dylan received his bachelor's degree in political science from Washington University in St. Louis, graduating with college honors. He earned his law degree, *cum laude*, from Villanova University School of Law. While at Villanova, he was a staff writer and managing editor of the *Villanova Law Review* and participated in the Civil Justice Clinic.

## Experience

Secured summary judgment for Marriott International, Inc. in a case centering on the plaintiff's allegation that he was severely injured when visiting a hotel in Saudi Arabia that he claimed Marriott owned and operated. The trial court granted summary judgment on the basis that Marriott had no actionable connection to the hotel at the time of the incident and therefore owed no duty to the plaintiff. A three-judge panel of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, affirmed in a unanimous decision, issuing an opinion adopting Marriott's arguments wholesale.

Secured a \$3 million jury verdict, which was upheld on a motion to amend the judgment, on behalf of a company that stores and handles petroleum products in a lawsuit it filed against a company that mishandled a hydrostatic pressure test on a major pipeline, resulting in a significant oil spill. The spill was investigated by the U.S. Coast Guard and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the defendant disclaimed all responsibility and called investigators to testify against the client at trial. During the four-day trial, the Cozen O'Connor team examined 25 witnesses, including experts, under court-imposed time restrictions, and the jury returned a unanimous verdict in the client's favor.

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Secured a defense verdict in the first personal injury case to go to trial arising from the Comcast II construction project in Philadelphia. The plaintiff sought damages of seven figures for pain and suffering, lost wages, and loss of future earnings in the wake of multiple knee injuries alleged to have been caused by the client's foreman on the job site. Social media revealed inconsistencies in the plaintiff's case, both as to liability and damages, and the jury deliberated for only 30 minutes before returning a unanimous defense verdict.

Successfully moved to dismiss a complaint on grounds of *forum non conveniens* on behalf of a trucking company, a railroad, and individual defendants in a wrongful death and survival action filed in Philadelphia County stemming from an accident that occurred in New Jersey.

Obtained voluntary dismissal of contract claims on behalf of a court reporting company in a Philadelphia County Case.

Secured several full releases of claims without payment on behalf of a large transportation and logistics company in freight damage disputes venued throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Obtained voluntary dismissal of a large insurance client in a UIM case in Baltimore.

Obtained summary judgment for a large producer of industrial refractory products in a high exposure catastrophic injury case in Philadelphia County.

Secured involuntary dismissal with prejudice of a fire safety company in a large-scale residential condominium property damage case following a successful motion for judgement on the pleadings.

Drafted successful preliminary objections on behalf of a large general contractor in a high exposure, multiparty construction defect case before the Pennsylvania Board of Claims.

Obtained voluntary dismissal of Dram Shop claims in a high damages case in Philadelphia County on behalf of one of the country's largest food and beverage concessionaires.

Obtained summary judgment for a large construction manager in a high exposure Philadelphia County catastrophic injury case, facing a multimillion dollar, pretrial demand where the client was one of the primary targets.

Secured full defense award in a products liability arbitration in Philadelphia County on behalf of a large international kitchenware manufacturer.