

## Erik S. Unger, Esq.

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### **Professional Experience**

*March, Hurwitz & DeMarco, P.C., Media, Pennsylvania*

Partner (March 2019-Present)

- Represent business entities, insurance carriers, and individuals throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York in various civil matters from inception to trial, including environmental litigation, complex commercial disputes, real property litigation, professional liability matters, construction litigation, consumer fraud act claims, employment litigation, and general liability claims.
- Manage law firm operations, including advertising, marketing, budgeting, business development, implementing law firm policies and procedures, and supervising employees.
- Manage existing client relationships and develop new client leads.

*Swartz Campbell LLC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Associate (August 2017-March 2019)

- Represented lawyers, architects, engineers, escrow/title agents, and doctors in complex commercial and professional liability matters.
- Responsible for individual caseload of trial level and appellate level cases while assisting other attorneys with the preparation and management of their own cases, including preparing and arguing dispositive motions, preparing pleadings, preparing and arguing discovery motions, managing complex discovery, conducting depositions, preparation of client reports and case assessments, engaging in settlement negotiations, and preparing cases for trial.

*Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, Mental Hygiene Legal Service, Brooklyn, New York*

Associate Attorney/Acting Principal Attorney (September 2009-August 2017)

- Litigated over 750 bench and jury trials on behalf of mentally disabled clients in civil/criminal confinement cases and medication/medical treatment over objection cases, civil confinement cases;
- Served as court appointed counsel or court evaluator in over 120 guardianship cases, which often involved issues of physical and financial abuse of the elderly.
- Represented individuals with special needs in over 60 surrogate decision making and end-of-life decision making cases.
- Investigate and oversee all OMH licensed facilities to ensure compliance with applicable rules, regulations, and standards.
- Researched and analyzed the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act; drafted and presented on guidelines regarding provisions affecting the civil rights of the mentally disabled.

*The Law Offices of Clifford Petroske, P.C., Bohemia, New York*

Associate (August 2008-September 2009)

- Advocated for clients at court appearances, handled depositions, prepared settlement proposals with clients, and developed case strategies for negotiations. Responsible for drafting numerous motions, appellate briefs, stipulations of settlement, prenuptial agreements, and pleadings.
- Drafted a successful appellate brief and reply in *Bernholz v. Bornstein* (72 A.D.3d 625 [2d Dept. 2009]), regarding the equitable distribution of property and drafted a motion for partial summary judgment that was affirmed on appeal in *Katsaros v. Katsaros* (80 A.D.3d 666 [2d Dept. 2011]), regarding the validity of an antenuptial agreement.

### **Presentations**

*Speaker*, “Fact Investigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution.” Presentation to Federated Insurance Company. August 21, 2019.

*Speaker*, “NY SAFE Act: Provisions Affecting the Mentally Ill.” CLE presentation at the New York State Judicial Institute. May 1, 2013.

*Speaker*, “The Legal Rights of Minors: Admission & Discharge from Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities.” CLE presentation at Lawyers for Children. November 30, 2011.

### **Publications**

“Economic Loss Doctrine after *Dittman*.” *At Issue* (Pennsylvania Bar Association). Spring 2019.

### **Education**

*Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York*

J.D., May 2008

Honors: Dean’s List (2007, 2008)

Fellowship, Public Justice Foundation

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Award for Excellence in Family Law

Journal: Research Editor, *Family Court Review* (2007-2008)

Staff Editor, *Family Court Review* (2006-2007)

*Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

B.A., May 2004

### **Bar Admissions**

*New Jersey*

*New York*

*Pennsylvania*

*Eastern District of Pennsylvania*

*District of New Jersey*

*Third Circuit Court of Appeals*

### **Professional Associations**

*Pennsylvania Bar Association*

*Chester County Bar Association*

### **Volunteer Activity**

*Upper Main Line YMCA*

- Mission Advancement Committee

### **Other Professional Experience**

*Panel Arbitrator, Chester County Court of Common Pleas*