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Robert J. Chomiak, Jr. has more than 25 years of experience as a civil defense litigator defending insurers, manufacturers, contractors, corporations, and municipalities, among other clients, in Connecticut state and federal courts. He handles complex matters involving tort claims, product liability, motor vehicle and trucking law, and premises liability claims. Rob has a proven record of resolving liability claims through innovative litigation strategies and practical advice, while also being prepared to try a case whenever necessary.

Experience

- Obtained a defense verdict for a condominium complex sued for a slip and fall resulting in significant injuries and medical expenses over six figures.
- Obtained summary judgment in a case involving an issue of first impression in Connecticut: whether a corporation that employed a temporary worker should also enjoy workers' compensation immunity pursuant to the dual employer theory as the company controlled the means and methods of the temporary employee's work.

- Counseled an insurance company as to school shooting litigation, including extensive investigation into the shooter and research and analysis on novel issues of fact and law.
- Achieved a highly favorable settlement at mediation, on the eve of trial, for a major trucking company in a catastrophic injury case involving paralysis of a pedestrian.
- Obtained summary judgment in federal court for a pharmaceutical company in a products liability case involving injuries related to use of an IUD by successfully arguing that plaintiff failed to present a qualified expert.
- Settled, with no payment due from the propane gas supplier client, a fatal explosion claim by obtaining and leveraging on behalf of the client an expert's opinion that the propane was properly odorized.

Honors

- Super Lawyers 2019-2022
- Best Lawyers in America, Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants, Lawyer of the Year (Hartford) 2021, 2022
- Best Lawyers in America, Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants 2018-2023
- Best Lawyers in America, Product Liability Litigation-Defendants 2018-2023
- Martindale Hubbell-Notable, Peer Rated for High Ethical Standards 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Martindale Hubbell-Very High Rating in Both Legal Ability and Ethical Standards 2019, 2023
- DRI-Outstanding State Representative Award Recipient 2018
- DRI Kevin Driskill Award Recipient 2018
- Connecticut Super Lawyers 2019-2022

Professional Affiliations

- Connecticut Bar Association
- New Haven Bar Association
- Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association, Former President and Chairmen of the Board
- New Haven Legal Assistance Board of Directors 2010
- Connecticut Judicial Branch-Civil Commission 2014-2015
- Defense Research Institute, Former State Representative

Civic Activities

- Friends of New Haven Legal Assistance
- Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen- New Haven
- Muscular Dystrophy Association-Lock Up Participant

Publications

- “Waiving” Goodbye to Liability,” *The Defense-Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association*, April 2012.
- “Equitable Set-Offs,” *The Defense-Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association*, August, 2009.

Speaking Engagements

- “Lions of the Bar-Trial Tactics,” Co-Chair, Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association.
- “Understanding Spinal Injuries,” Co-Chair, Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association.
- “Killing Reptiles-A Proactive Approach,” Conference, Denver, CO.

Capabilities

Practice Areas

- Insurance Coverage
- Defense Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Catastrophic Construction Accidents
- Litigation Avoidance and Risk Transfer
- Commercial Litigation

Credentials

Admitted to Practice

- Connecticut
- United States District Court, District of Connecticut

Education

- Boston University, cum laude
- New England School of Law