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Education

- J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law (1998)
- B.A., Wake Forest University (1995)
 - History
 - Study Abroad Program (Venice, Italy; 1993)
 - magna cum laude

Robert M. Gilmartin, Jr.

Partner

Rob Gilmartin brings an extensive background to the defense of litigated product liability matters, focusing his private practice on the construction and mining equipment industries. This includes proven ability to analyze and strategically coordinate mass tort cases in the role of local, regional or national counsel.

A creative thought leader in litigation management, Mr. Gilmartin collaborates with key stakeholders in the development of pretrial defenses through deposition practice, creative motion practice and strong advocacy for the interests of his clients. This includes the use of mediation and arbitration hearings as well as in-court conferences and settlement conferences to avoid unnecessarily taking a matter to trial.

Mr. Gilmartin's background in the defense of litigated matters includes asbestos, pharmaceutical, construction, personal injury and premises liability matters, with a curated track record of successful resolutions in complex personal injury product cases. He handles the litigation process from pre-suit investigations up to and through trial and appeal when necessary.

When matters evolve into mass tort cases, Mr. Gilmartin uses an innovative and diligent approach to providing clients with the advantages and disadvantages of different legal pathways, including settlement options that take into account potential negative impacts on the long-term viability and financial well-being of a business.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Gilmartin completed a judicial clerkship in the New Jersey State Superior Court for the Hon. Robert E. Hamer.

Bar Admissions

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- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

Memberships and Affiliations

- Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC)
 - Sustaining Member, 2023-present
 - Co-Chair, Heavy Equipment Group, 2024-present
- Supreme Court of New Jersey District 5A Ethics Committee
 - Attorney member, 2012-2016
- NGS Foundation,
 - Board of Trustees, 2021-present
- Bergen County Bar Foundation,
 - Trustee, 2017-2021

Presentations and Publications

- “[Harnessing the Power of Technology to Improve Litigation Management](#),” Law Technology Today (ABA), March 2021
- “[A Practical Guide for Day-to-Day Challenges to the CLO and GC](#),” Corporate Counsel, June 2020

Professional Honors

- Best Lawyers in America, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, 2026-present