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Vincent J. Quatrini, Jr. is a founding partner of QuatriniRafferty. He concentrates his practice in the area of Workers' Compensation and represents injured workers exclusively.

Mr. Quatrini has more than 45 years of experience in state and federal courts and has served as counsel in a number of prominent cases.

Mr. Quatrini is the Chairman of the prestigious Pennsylvania Bar Association Workers Compensation Practice and Procedure Committee. He and his colleagues edit and publish the workers compensation manual that is used by attorneys throughout Pennsylvania. Mr. Quatrini also presents lectures to workers compensation practitioners in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia.

Mr. Quatrini is asked, regularly, to lecture on significant workers compensation issues throughout Pennsylvania, including Heart Attacks in the Workplace, Brain injury in the Workplace, and the interaction when an individual who is operating a machine or driving a car is injured in the course of employment.

Mr. Quatrini, and his son, Adam, are the authors of Brain Injury in the Workplace, published by the American Bar Association.

In 1986, Mr. Quatrini successfully argued to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, in the case of Gilliland v. Heckler, that the administrative law judge in a Social Security disability claim must give considerable weight to the opinions of a treating physician.

In 1987, in the case of Pawlosky v. WCAB (Latrobe Brewing Co.), voted the third most significant case in the past 100 years, and widely cited workers' compensation cases in Pennsylvania, Mr. Quatrini convinced the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to dramatically redefine the term "injury" under the Workers' Compensation Act; namely, any disease which constitutes an insult to the body as well as any work-related aggravation of a non-occupational disease are considered injuries.

In 1988, in the case of Camaione v. Boro of Latrobe, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court adopted Mr. Quatrini's argument and spelled out the rule that all injured workers being paid under the Heart and Lung Act are entitled to a hearing in order to determine eligibility, and furthermore, that a injured worker's disability status cannot be changed from temporary to permanent unless a due process hearing is conducted.

In 2002, in the case of McIlvaine v. WCAB (States), Mr. Quatrini persuaded the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that an over-the-road truck driver who was injured while passing through Pennsylvania was covered by the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act for that injury. The company had argued that the trucking company was headquartered in another state and that the injured worker had to use the workers' compensation policy from the other state. As a result of this decision, any individual who is hurt while working in Pennsylvania - no matter what state that person lives in or in what state that person was hired - has the protection of the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act.

In 2004, in the case of Coleman v. WCAB (Indiana Hospital), another Workers' Compensation case handled by Mr. Quatrini, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court held that an independent medical examination could include a diagnostic test only if the test did not involve more than a minimal risk and was not unreasonably intrusive.

In 2015, Mr. Quatrini was one of two attorneys who argued to the Commonwealth Court that the Impairment Rating section of the Workers' Compensation Act was unconstitutional. The Commonwealth agreed with the argument and declared the section unconstitutional.

Mr. Quatrini has volunteered his time to numerous endeavors for the legal profession and has been recognized for his accomplishments:

- He is a former chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Conference of County Bar Leaders, which provides training and programming for bar association presidents of the 67 Pennsylvania counties.
- He is a member of the Westmoreland County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.
- He is a member of the Westmoreland County Academy of Trial Lawyers, a select group of trial attorneys.
- He is past president of the Westmoreland Bar Association (1988-1989). While on the Westmoreland County Bar Association's Board of Directors, Mr. Quatrini played an active part in securing and financing the first permanent headquarters in the Association's one hundred twenty-five year history.
- Mr. Quatrini has been listed in the The Best Lawyers in America each year since 1997.
- He is listed as a Top 100 Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Attorney.
- He is listed as a Top 50 Pittsburgh Workers' Compensation Attorney.
- He has been listed as a Super Lawyer for the past 12 years.
- He was selected for the 2011 class of the nationwide College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers.
- He is a member of the Workers Injury Law and Advocacy Group, a nationwide consortium of Workers' Compensation plaintiff attorneys who advocate for injured workers. and he has lectured around the United States.
- He is the 2013 recipient of the Irvin Stander Award for Professional Excellence bestowed, only a dozen times, by the PBA Workers' Compensation Law Section to an attorney whose dedication to the administration of Workers' Compensation law and whose professionalism and regard for clients and colleagues serves as an example to others.
- As a top AV Preeminent Lawyer by Martindale Hubbell, he has been selected as a "Legal Leader" in Western Pennsylvania.
- He is among the first group of Workers' Compensation practitioners in Pennsylvania to be certified, upon sitting for an examination, as a Specialist in the area of Workers Compensation by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.
- He is Chair of the prestigious Pennsylvania Workers Compensation Practice and Procedure Manual.
- Mr. Quatrini has devoted considerable energy and time to the philanthropic community:
- He is a founder and founding Chair of the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County, a philanthropic vehicle designed to provide all individuals, despite their economic status, with the opportunity to be a philanthropist and to positively impact the lives of members of the community.
- He was a member of the Board of Directors of The Pittsburgh Foundation for nine years.
- He is a former Board member of the WESTCO credit union, the Westmoreland Bar Foundation, the Blackburn Center, Adelphoi, Inc., Adelphoi Village, and Adelphoi USA, the Westmoreland Land Trust, the Latrobe Community Revitalization Program, the Duquesne Law Alumni Association, and the former Board Chair for the Westmoreland County March of Dimes.
- He has been recognized with the prestigious Fred Funari Mental Health America Award of Distinction by the Mental Health Association of Westmoreland County.
- He has been recognized with the Westmoreland Historical Society Arthur Sinclair Award for the renovation of the 7th Ward School in Greensburg and the Citizens Bank Building in Latrobe.
- He has been conferred with the Italian of the Year award by the Sons of Italy.
- He has received the "Outstanding Alumni" award by the University of Duquesne School of Law.
- He served on the Transition Task Force for Pennsylvania Attorney General, Josh Shapiro.

Mr. Quatrini received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from St. Vincent College in 1971, and his Doctorate of Law from Duquesne University in 1974. He is a lifelong resident of the Latrobe-Greensburg, Pennsylvania area and is married to Patricia Cecchini, a nursing instructor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He and Patricia have two sons, Michael and Adam, who are associates at QuatriniRafferty. Michael is married to Megan Grote Quatrini and Michael and Megan have one daughter, Stella.. Adam is married to Carolina Velez.