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Michael P. Rutch is an associate at the firm and concentrates his practice in the areas of workers' compensation, employment law, general civil litigation, commercial transactions and estate/succession planning for small businesses and families. He joined the firm in 2018 and has been an attorney in Blair County, Pennsylvania for over 20 years.

He received his B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1998, and his law degree from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 1991.

During his decades of litigating workers' compensation cases, Mr. Rutch has litigated cases involving surveillance evidence, hearing loss, psychiatric injury, occupational disease, earning power, death claims, heart attacks, and pulmonary injury.

Mr. Rutch is a former Chairman of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Workers' Compensation Law Section, where he has been at the forefront of shaping workers' compensation administration and advocacy on behalf of his peers throughout the Commonwealth. He is also chair of the statewide subcommittee that recommends publication of significant cases on workers' compensation decided by the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court. He is also a member of the committee responsible for providing certification for members of the Pennsylvania Bar as Specialists in Workers' Compensation law.

Michael is a frequent presenter at workers' compensation continuing legal education events and at Chamber of Commerce workers' compensation and safety programs. In 2016, he presented at Healthforce's Occupational Medicine Series on Key Issues in Workers' Compensation. Since 2017, he has served as an adjunct lecturer of trial advocacy at Penn State Law School.

Michael was born and raised in Blair County, Pennsylvania and resides in Duncansville with his wife, Shari, and two daughters, Kendall and Sydney.

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania, 1991

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- University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia
J.D. - 1991
Law Review: Virginia Tax Review, Notes Editor
- Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts
B.A. magna cum laude - 1988
Major: Economics and Political Science

CLASSES/SEMINARS

- Adjunct Lecturer of Trial Advocacy, Penn State Law School, 2017 - Present
- Key Issues in Workers' Compensation, Healthforce Occupational Medicine Series

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Pennsylvania Bar Association Workers' Comp Section, Chairman
- Blair County Bar Association
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- Hollidaysburg Area School District Foundation, Past Board Member
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