



## Adam S. Ennis | Member

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**EDUCATION** J.D. Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Adam Ennis is a seasoned commercial litigator and construction lawyer. His practice involves three areas: (1) business disputes involving breach of contract or allegations of unfair competition, tortious interference with contractual relations and fraud; (2) litigation arising in the construction of industrial, commercial and retail facilities, including oil and gas pipelines, gas processing plants, shopping centers, hospitals and education buildings; and (3) issues arising in oil and gas development, including matters involving leases, royalties, rights-of-way, farmout agreements, purchase and sale agreements, and other energy related contracts. In addition to construction and energy, Adam has worked with a variety of industries including financial services, real estate, technology, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals and health care. In addition to his vast experience in federal and state court cases, Adam has successfully handled many commercial arbitrations and mediations. He is a member of the firm's Energy Litigation, Construction and Business Litigation practice groups. From 2014 through 2017, Adam was Adjunct Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he taught Trial Advocacy. He is a member of Leadership Pittsburgh XXXVI. In law school, he was Executive Editor of the Cardozo Law Review.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

First chair in disputes involving construction of oil and gas pipelines, gas processing facilities and well pads

Successfully handled oil and gas lease disputes and cases involving purchase and sale of energy assets

Represented owners, contractors and subcontractors in construction litigation involving defect allegations, mechanics' liens, prompt payment act claims, liability for delay and business interruption

Handled professional liability cases involving complex claims against accountants, attorneys and engineers

Successfully litigated numerous injunction proceedings involving employee restrictive covenants and trade secrets

Represented financial institutions in contract disputes, equitable subordination claims and other commercial litigation

Represented title insurance companies and their insured in boundary and lien priority disputes

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

2013                Steptoe & Johnson PLLC  
2007-2013        Jackson Kelly PLLC  
2002-2006        Keevican Weiss Baurle & Hirsch LLC  
1994-2002        Klett Rooney Liber & Schorling, P.C.  
1990-1994        Gordon Altman Butowsky Weitzen Shalov & Wein

## **RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Construction in PA Returns May 1: Guidance for the Industry

Understanding Construction Contracts and Managing Construction Disputes, Presented to Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association June 2019

CASPA Is Now a More Powerful Tool to Collect Payment, Ohio Valley Construction Employers Council's Under Construction Journal May/June 2019

Pennsylvania Construction Contractors Gain New Tools to Collect Payments Client Alert April 2019

PA Supreme Court Eliminates More Act 13 Provisions, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC Client Alert Sep. 2016

Working in West Virginia, Presented to Master Builders Association, 2016

Plaintiffs Looking for Loopholes in PLIVA v. Mensing, Law 360 Product Liability, Nov. 21, 2011

Curtailing Superficial Attacks on Experts, Law 360 Guest Column, July 27, 2010

Case Notes, American Land Title Association, Title News

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

### **PROFESSIONAL**

Leadership Pittsburgh XXXVI  
Allegheny County Bar Association  
Executive Editor, Cardozo Law Review  
Graduated with honors, University of Pittsburgh

### **INDUSTRY/CIVIC**

Master Builders Association  
Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association  
Member, Chamber PAC, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
Marcellus Shale Coalition  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
American Land Title Association  
City Theatre of Pittsburgh

