



James C. Haggerty, Esq.
Mediator/Arbitrator



CAREER SUMMARY

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James C. Haggerty is a nationally recognized attorney and neutral with more than 30 years of experience in insurance coverage, bad faith, and complex civil litigation. He has extensive experience handling high-exposure matters and is widely regarded as a leading authority in insurance law.

Jim brings a unique dual perspective to dispute resolution, having spent decades representing both insurance carriers and injured policyholders. His work includes appellate advocacy, legislative testimony on insurance-related issues, and advising on complex claims involving coverage disputes, UM/UIM matters, and class actions.

His deep understanding of insurer decision-making, risk evaluation, and claims handling allows him to effectively guide parties through mediation and arbitration, particularly in high-stakes insurance disputes.

Highlights:

- Nationally recognized authority in insurance coverage and bad faith litigation
- Extensive experience in UM/UIM, class actions, and complex claims
- Background representing both insurers and policyholders
- Significant appellate, legislative, and regulatory experience
- Practical, evaluation-driven approach to dispute resolution

EDUCATION

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- **Villanova University School of Law, J.D.** –1979
 - **Georgetown University, A.B.** – 1976
(Magna Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa)
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AREAS OF FOCUS

- Insurance Law
- Bad Faith
- UM/UIM
- Motor Vehicle
- Class Actions

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Attorney and Founding Partner (Haggerty, Goldberg, Schleifer, & Kupersmith, P.C.)

- Over 30 years handling complex, high-exposure insurance & bad faith matters
 - Leadership within defense & trial lawyer organizations
 - Extensive appellate advocacy experience
 - Legislative testimony & involvement in insurance-related rulemaking
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COURT ADMISSIONS

- 2020 – U.S. District Court Western District of Pennsylvania
 - 2001 – U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania
 - 1983 – United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
 - 1979 – U.S. District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania
 - 1979 – Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
 - Pro Hac Vice Admission in Numerous Jurisdictions throughout the United States
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AWARDS

Recognitions

- Best Lawyers in America – Insurance Law (2013–2025)
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers (2005–2025)
- Most Honored Lawyers – Top 1%
- Top 100 Lawyers in Pennsylvania
- Top 100 Lawyers in Philadelphia

Professional Ratings

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating (since 1992)

Notable Honors

- George F. Douglas Jr. Amicus Curiae Award (2019)
- Legal Intelligencer Top 10 Lateral Hires (2012)

Additional Recognitions

- Pennsylvania Defense Institute – Distinguished Service
- Philadelphia Area Claims Forum – Special Recognition

AFFILIATIONS

- Member Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (2015-2021)
 - Vice-Chair of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (2019-2020)
 - Chair of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (2020-2021)
 - Member, Appellate Rules Committee of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, (2002-2008)
 - Philadelphia Bar Institute – Member, (1979 - Present)
 - Lawyers Club of Philadelphia – Board Member, (2016 - Present)
 - Lawyers Club of Philadelphia – Treasurer, (2016 - 2019)
 - Pennsylvania Bar Institute – Member, (1979 - Present)
 - Pennsylvania Association of Justice, (1995 - Present)
 - Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, (2012 - Present)
 - Pennsylvania Defense Institute – Member, (1979 - 2012)
 - Pennsylvania Defense Institute – President, (2007)
 - Pennsylvania Defense Institute- President-Elect (2006)
 - Pennsylvania Defense Institute – Executive Vice President, (2005)
 - Pennsylvania Defense Institute – Vice President-East Region, (2001 - 2004)
 - Pennsylvania Defense Institute – Board of Directors, (1996 - 2007)
 - Pennsylvania Defense Institute – Board of Directors, (1983 - 1989)
 - Pennsylvania Defense Institute – Chairman – Motor Vehicle Law Committee, (1983 - 2012)
 - Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel – Member, (1985 - 2012)
 - Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel – Executive Committee, (2002 - 2004)
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BAR ADMISSIONS

- Licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania
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PRESENTATIONS

Selected speaking engagements for professional and legal audiences on insurance coverage, bad faith litigation, and UM/UIM law.

Complete presentation history available upon request

PUBLICATIONS

Author of numerous articles & publications on insurance law & bad faith litigation.

Complete publication list available upon request