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**Practice Groups**

- Litigation

**Education**

- J.D., Duquesne University School of Law, 1977
- Duquesne Law Review, Executive Comment Editor
- M.A. Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 1972
- B.A., St. Vincent College, 1968

**Bar Admissions**

- Pennsylvania

**Thomas A. Berret** is a trial lawyer who, since 1977, has concentrated his practice in personal injury litigation, primarily but not exclusively representing injured persons. In addition, Mr. Berret has had extensive experience in a broad variety of litigation matters including construction disputes, either in trials or commercial arbitration; real estate claims; breach of contract litigation; and estate claims.

**Representative Matters**

- Represented claimants in mass tort litigation involving contaminated food in a major restaurant chain, defective and mislabeled pharmaceutical products, and an airplane crash.
- Represented a business and its employees in a class action lawsuit against Trustees for a health benefit trust who failed to properly investigate a new benefits provider which financially collapsed.
- Represented minority board members of a non-profit utility in an action to reverse improper action in violation of the utility's by-laws and Pennsylvania law.
- Represented insureds in actions against their insurers for failing to pay claims for fire loss, life insurance, and benefits under auto insurance policies.
- Routinely represented claimants in trial, arbitration, or mediation in claims for death or personal injury involving motor vehicle crashes, premises liability claims, or product defects.
- Represented owners or contractors in a variety of construction claims, including disputes over extra work, failure to perform in accordance with the contract specifications, or failure to pay amounts due and owing.

**Court Admissions**

- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

**Awards/Honors**

- AV Preeminent® Rating from the Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating Program
- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Personal Injury-Plaintiff, Personal Injury-Defense, and Commercial Law
- Selected to the 2014, 2015, and 2016 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*® List

**Professional/Community Involvement**

- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, Member, 1992-2013
- *Pittsburgh Legal Journal*, Editor in Chief, 2001-2009 and Jury Verdict Editor, 1995-2001

**Additional Information**

In July of 1969 Mr. Berret enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in February of 1972. During 1971-1972, he served a tour of duty in Vietnam in the Military Intelligence Branch.