



## James A. Mazzotta

Attorney

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### Overview

James A. Mazzotta joined Thomson, Rhodes & Cowie, P.C. in May 2017 as “Special Counsel” and will represent employers, self-insureds and third-party administrators in workers’ compensation and occupational disease litigation. Prior to joining TR&C, Mr. Mazzotta was a partner at another Pittsburgh workers’ compensation firm for nearly 30 years where he handled cases in the western half of Pennsylvania.

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Mr. Mazzotta is a 1988 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law, finishing seventh in his class. He was a member of the Appellate Moot Court and Senior Staff of the Duquesne University Law Review. His undergraduate degree was awarded by the University of Pittsburgh in 1985 in Political Science.

### Primary Practice

- Worker's Compensation
- Unemployment Compensation

### Education

- Duquesne University School of Law
- University of Pittsburgh Political Science

### Admissions

- Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations
- Federal District Court for the

Mr. Mazzotta has developed a very practical and cost-minded approach handling and litigating workers’ compensation claims. His experience is extensive in the areas of pension and other offset cases, which include two successful Decisions from the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

Appellant practice has been a particular area of interest for Mr. Mazzotta, with nearly 30 reported cases from the Commonwealth and Supreme Courts of Pennsylvania. He has written Briefs and argued before Commonwealth Court panels, the Commonwealth Court *en banc*, and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Mazzotta has been a speaker for NBI (National Business Institute) seminars and at numerous in-house seminars for clients concerning recent workers’ compensation case law

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developments as well as periodic amendments to the Workers' Compensation Act.

### **Additional Info**

Mr. Mazzotta has experience representing municipalities, Heart & Lung litigation, and private companies in defense of Federal Black Lung claims.

Mr. Mazzotta is a member of the Workers' Compensation Sections of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations. He has been admitted to practice in the Federal District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.