

## **Joseph E. O'Neil**

Joseph E. O'Neil is a shareholder in the Litigation Practice Group in the Philadelphia office of Lavin O'Neil Cedrone & DiSipio. He has more than 30 years of courtroom experience as a trial lawyer defending major corporations in complex litigation. He concentrates his practice on product liability, mass tort, medical device and commercial litigation matters. Mr. O'Neil has been a member of the firm's Executive Committee and Board of Directors for more than 20 years.

Mr. O'Neil has served as national counsel for a number of the world's largest pharmaceutical, automotive, health and life sciences companies and as lead trial counsel before juries in state and federal courts throughout the United States. He has extensive experience as liaison counsel for major corporations in the Mass Tort Program in Philadelphia.

In July 2015, Mr. O'Neil was elected President of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), the preeminent invitation-only global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests throughout the world. He served as President-Elect of the IADC from July 2014 until he was named President in July 2015. He served as President of the IADC in 2015-2016. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the IADC, the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and Lawyers for Civil Justice (LCJ), and a Delegate of The American Civil Trial Bar Roundtable.

Mr. O'Neil is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Inter-Pacific Bar Association, the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Rhode Island Bar Associations; the IADC, the DRI and the Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC). He is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education and other programs for lawyers and corporations locally and nationally and he served on the faculty of the IADC Trial Academy. In 2011, Mr. O'Neil was elected to a three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer of the IADC. He served as Secretary-Treasurer-Elect in 2010-2011 and previously served as a member of the Board of The Foundation of the IADC.

Mr. O'Neil is a member of the Advisory Board of CardioReady®, a pioneer in cardiac emergency preparedness services for organizations throughout the United States. He previously served on the Advisory Board of Siloam, a non-profit organization serving people affected by HIV/AIDS in the Philadelphia community.

He is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Rhode Island, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the District of Columbia Circuit.

Mr. O'Neil was named 2015 "Lawyer of the Year – Philadelphia Product Liability Litigation" and is annually recognized by The Best Lawyers in America, Best Attorneys in Pennsylvania, Best Attorneys in Philadelphia, The International Who's Who of Product Liability Defence Lawyers, The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers and Pennsylvania Super Lawyers.

Mr. O'Neil graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rhode Island and he earned his law degree from Temple University, where he was a member of the law review.