




# Philip J. Farinella

Partner

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Business Litigation

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## Overview

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PJ is an experienced litigator who focuses his practice on commercial litigation in state and federal courts throughout the country. He represents companies spanning numerous industries in a wide range of disputes involving breach of contract, fraud, insurance coverage and other insurance-related issues, products liability claims, construction defects, environmental matters, and professional negligence. PJ leverages his experience to bring a focused, practical, and, when necessary, aggressive approach to advancing his clients' goals, guiding them through all phases of litigation.

Before joining Archer, PJ was a commercial litigation partner at a Philadelphia-based, multinational Am Law 100 law firm. There, he gained substantial experience litigating complex fraud schemes and financial misconduct. He led investigations of potential producer misconduct and financial fraud in the life insurance sector, advised clients on implementing fraud prevention and detection protocols, and prosecuted and defended actions involving fraud, breach of contract, declaratory judgment claims, RICO, and other complex commercial disputes.

Following law school, PJ served as a law clerk to the Honorable Heidi W. Currier, J.A.D., of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division. During law school, he was a judicial intern to the Honorable Jack M. Sabatino, P.J.A.D., of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, and the Honorable Michael A. Shipp, U.S.D.J., of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

## Representative Experience

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- Obtained a declaration that an insurance company could void \$10 million worth of stranger-originated life insurance policies for lack of insurable interest under Delaware law, and that the insurance company could retain a substantial portion of the premium it had received. The result was obtained on summary judgment without the need for a trial. *Columbus Life Ins. Co. v. Wilmington Trust N.A.*, 2023 WL 6813150 (D. Del. March 21, 2023); *Columbus Life Ins. Co. v. Wilmington Trust N.A.*, 2023 WL 9227098 (D. Del. Oct. 11, 2023).
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## Professional and Community Involvement

- McDaniel College Board of Trustees Visiting Member (2021-2024)
- McDaniel College Alumni Council GOLD Committee Member (2016-2020)

## Credentials

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### Education

- Rutgers University School of Law, JD
- McDaniel College, BA

### Admissions

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

### Offices

- Voorhees, NJ

## Areas of Focus

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### Practice

- Business Litigation



