




Suzanne K. Collins

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Personal Injury

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Overview

Suzanne is a trial attorney representing clients in a wide range of civil litigation matters involving personal injury in areas that include commercial vehicle and construction accidents, product liability, medical malpractice, and toxic tort, among others. Suzanne also serves as counsel for clients in general litigation matters. She has extensive trial and appellate experience in both federal and state courts in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Serving as counsel for plaintiffs and defendants has given Suzanne the advantage of seeing personal injury cases from the perspective of both sides. This experience allows her to develop and successfully execute trial strategy and tactics and deliver favorable results to her clients.

Suzanne's personal injury cases involve catastrophic injuries and wrongful death resulting from automobile and commercial vehicle accidents, work place injuries, slip and falls, product liability, construction accidents, and medical malpractice. She also defends clients against personal injury suits involving industrial equipment, manufacturing machinery, and premises liability.

Clients appreciate Suzanne's compassion and understanding and her hard work to protect them. Her approach is a holistic one – her focus is on the client's top priorities while remaining sensitive to their feelings. Suzanne goes beyond litigating the case, her goal is to help her clients get through what can be a traumatic period in their life and come out on the other side in a better place. She strives to make the process as easy as possible by guiding her clients through an often challenging and difficult process.

Prior to joining Archer, Suzanne was an attorney at a New Jersey civil litigation firm, where she litigated cases in a variety of insurance defense practice areas.

Following law school, Suzanne served as a law clerk for the Hon. Raymond A. Batten J.S.C. (Ret.) in Cape May County Superior Court.

Representative Experience

- Representation of a widow whose 62-year-old husband died after falling from a wheelchair when he was left unattended in a rehabilitation center which resulted in a \$6 million jury verdict.
- Representation of a man injured as a result of an electric shock resulting in Complex Regional Pain Syndrome which concluded in a \$1.2 million dollar settlement.
- Co-counsel in the representation of a woman injured as a result of dental malpractice resulting in Complex Regional Pain Syndrome which concluded in a \$7 million dollar settlement.
- Representation of a man who died as a result nursing home neglect which concluded in a \$500,000 settlement.
- Representation of a man struck by a car while riding his motorcycle resulting in a \$200,000 settlement.
- Representation of a woman injured as a result of a slip and fall on ice resulting in a \$600,000 settlement.
- Defense of a paper company in a product liability case involving a workplace accident on a printing machine; client, plaintiff's employer, was successfully dismissed from the case following motion practice involving Laidlaw v. Hariton Machinery Co., Inc. 170 N.J. 602 (2002) issues.
- Defense of a refinery in an alleged naphtha exposure case; case resolved for less than client's anticipated cost of trial.
- Defense of a bakery/specialty bread plant in a case in which plaintiff severed fingers while using a dough divider; all claims against client were dismissed on summary judgment.

**Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.*

Professional and Community Involvement

- New Jersey Bar Association
- New Jersey Association for Justice
- Camden County Bar Association
- Mercer County Bar Association
- My Fathers Hands/Seeds of Hope, Camden, N.J., an outreach ministry to the homeless (Camden, N.J.)
- Fellowship Alliance Chapel, Medford, N.J.



Select Articles

- “Protecting You and Your Family,” *SJ Magazine* (July 2024)

Credentials

Education

- Delaware Law School, Widener University, JD
- Asbury University, 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
- Philadelphia, PA

Areas of Focus

Practice

- Personal Injury

