

Steven Pachman is a partner in the Litigation Department at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP. His practice concentrates on complex commercial litigation, white collar criminal cases and investigations, contract disputes, appellate matters, and personal injury defense. As part of Mr. Pachman's personal injury defense practice, he advises school officials and attorneys, risk managers, athletic trainers and athletic departments, physicians, and other health care professionals on institutional liability issues concerning sport-related concussions and other sports' injuries. Recently, Mr. Pachman represented a local university, an athletic trainer, and others in high-profile, nationally-publicized litigation involving a catastrophically-injured football player who allegedly sustained a concussion and Second Impact Syndrome.

Mr. Pachman also has represented major corporations in mass tort actions, insurance coverage matters, and product liability disputes. His product liability experience includes representing a multi-national computer equipment manufacturer in repetitive stress injury cases and one of the world's leading chemical companies in a products liability action involving alleged injuries from chemicals and pharmaceuticals. His litigation experience further includes successfully defending a leading music recording and publishing company in a business tort matter and a university in a defamation action.

In addition to representing individuals and entities in federal and state court, Mr. Pachman has handled enforcement actions against broker-dealers brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

### **Recent Presentations and Publications:**

Mr. Pachman is a frequent speaker on legal matters concerning the proper management of sport-related concussions and other sports' injuries, and has authored a number of articles on the specific topics of how athletic trainers and other health care professionals can minimize their risk of legal liability for sport-related injuries and defend against lawsuits arising out of catastrophic sport-related events.

Most recently, on June 20, 2011, Mr. Pachman presented "The Athletic Trainer and the Law: Minimizing the Risk of Legal Liability for Athletic Injuries" at the 62nd Annual National Athletic Trainers' Association Meeting and Clinical Symposium in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he discussed legal implications surrounding the care and management of sport-related head injuries in the rapidly evolving field of concussion management.

On June 10, 2011, Mr. Pachman spoke at the Traumatic Brain Injury Forum at the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society's Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he discussed legal issues confronted by athletic trainers and other health care professionals, ways to minimize risk the risk of liability, and the defense of sport-related head injury cases.

On May 6, 2011, Mr. Pachman presented "The Athletic Trainer's Legal Liability: What an Athletic Trainer Needs to Know - The Defendant's Perspective" at the Big 12 Medical Aspects of Sport Conference in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Pachman authored the article "The Athletic Trainer's Legal Liability for Football-Related Injuries: *Minimizing the Risk*," which appeared in *NATA News: News Magazine of the National Athletic Trainers' Association*, September 2010, pgs 12-16. He authored a follow-up article, "Management of Sport-Related Brain Injuries: Preventing Poor Outcomes and Minimizing the Risk for Legal Liabilities," which appeared in *Athletic Training & Sports Health Care, The Journal for the Practicing Clinician*, Vol. 2 No. 6, November/December 2010.

Mr. Pachman's opinions regarding potential liability to academic institutions, athletic trainers, and other health care professionals and ways to minimize the risk of liability appear on various websites and in various news magazines and newspapers, including in the article, "Athletic Trainers Could Be at Risk of Concussion Lawsuits," published by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

### **Professional Associations:**

Mr. Pachman is a member of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations.

### **Admitted to Practice:**

Mr. Pachman is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the U.S. Court of International Trade.

**Education:**

Mr. Pachman received his J.D. degree, *cum laude*, from Temple University School of Law in 1996, where he was an editor of the *Temple Law Review*. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park, where he was a Dean's Scholar and graduated *summa cum laude*, with a B.A. degree in 1993.