

MELLON WEBSTER & SHELLY

The law firm of Mellon Webster & Shelly (formerly Mellon Webster & Mellon) concentrates in the representation of plaintiffs in civil litigation, class actions and commercial litigation. The firm, which is located in the Philadelphia suburb of Doylestown, Bucks County, was founded in 1981 by Tomas E. Mellon, Jr. For the past 20 years, the Mellon firm has developed a reputation for its vigorous representation of clients in litigation against large multi-national corporations. It has compiled an impressive record of achieving multi-million dollar verdicts in state and federal courts throughout the United States. The firm has successfully represented both individual plaintiffs and large classes against Fortune 500 companies. Notably, Mellon Webster & Shelly recently completed an extremely successful seven-year battle against the tobacco industry on behalf of smokers and former smokers. It also represented the interests of many individual clients across the country in litigation against American Home Products for injuries caused by the prescription drug Fen-Phen.

The Mellon firm proudly carries an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest possible rating for expertise and ethical standards. Its attorneys have a total of more than 150 years of combined litigation experience. Its shareholders include a former Assistant United States Attorney who served as Chief of the Criminal and Narcotics Division for the U.S. Department of Justice in Philadelphia, a former President of the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers as well as a member of the House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Mellon's experienced staff of attorneys, paralegals and legal assistants utilizes the latest technology in research and case management. Mellon attorneys are active in the two major political parties as well as in various bar associations and community groups.

THOMAS E. MELLON, JR., ESQUIRE

Thomas Mellon is a founding partner of the Mellon Webster & Shelly law firm. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and his law degree from Georgetown University. In 1974, Thomas also earned a Master of Law degree from Harvard Law School.

After completing a clerkship in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, with the Honorable William H. Hastie, Thomas was an instructor at Suffolk University School of Law where he taught two classes, "Legal Research and Analysis" and "The Art of Negotiations." He joined the United States Attorney's office in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania where he quickly rose to the positions of Chief, Narcotics Unit and Chief, Criminal Division.

For the past twenty years, Thomas has been in private practice in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He has represented plaintiffs throughout the United States in federal and state courts. His practice focuses on the representation of plaintiffs in commercial litigation and personal injury actions. He has achieved successful awards and settlements for clients in both class actions and individual suits. In 1994, Thomas became an influential leader in the fight against the tobacco companies.

He was instrumental in obtaining an unprecedented award against the tobacco companies on behalf of plaintiffs. In addition, Thomas has successfully represented clients in suits against American Home Products or injuries suffered by use of the prescription diet drug, Fen-Phen. Thomas has lectured throughout the country before many bar associations and universities.

In addition to his law practice, Thomas has been a leader in the trial bar, politics and the community. He is currently the President Elect of the Bucks County Bar Association, having previously served as the Association's Treasurer and as a member of its Board of Directors. Thomas has also held the office of President of the Bucks County Legal Aid Society. He has served as counsel to, and Chairman of, the Democratic Party of Bucks County. In 1992, Thomas served as the political director of the Clinton-Gore campaign in Pennsylvania.

STEPHEN A. CORR, ESQUIRE

Steve Corr is an associate in the Mellon Webster & Shelly law firm. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and of Villanova University School of Law. He has been admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of New Jersey and the United States District Courts in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Throughout his ten-year legal career, Steve's practice has focused on personal injury and commercial litigation, with an emphasis on complex contractual matters and mass tort litigation. He has litigated cases on behalf of individuals, small companies and large corporations. Steve's clients have included most of the major hospitals in the city of Philadelphia and a number of national insurance companies. Steve has considerable experience trying cases in various state and federal courts. He has also briefed and argued cases before the federal and state appellate courts in Pennsylvania.

Steve is an active member of the Bucks County Bar Association and the local community. He has been appointed to positions within the local Republican Party and has held local elective office as well. In 1996, Steve was the chairman of Bucks County Lawyers for Dole.