

## **MICHAEL D. LIPUMA, ESQ.**

325 Chestnut Street, Suite 1109

Philadelphia, PA 19106

(215) 922-2126 (phone)

(215) 922-2128 (fax)

[mlipuma@lipumalaw.com](mailto:mlipuma@lipumalaw.com) (e-mail)

[www.lipumalaw.com](http://www.lipumalaw.com)

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (B.A., 1991,  
Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude).

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (J.D., 1994,  
Cum Laude, Order of the Coif).

### **WORK HISTORY**

LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL LIPUMA (2004 –  
Present): Owned and operated small business  
litigation boutique firm. Handled various types of  
commercial litigation from pleading through trial,  
including consumer protection lawsuits, personal  
injury defense, shareholder disputes, breach of  
contract cases, and business torts. Supervised  
lawyers and administrative personnel.

WOLF BLOCK (2002 – 2004): Handled all aspects  
of complex commercial litigation matters, including  
business torts, breach of contract cases, securities  
fraud matters, and class actions; supervised other  
attorneys; responsible for motion practice and  
assisted with trials.

MANN, UNGAR, SPECTOR & LABOVITZ (1997  
– 2002): Served as associate in commercial litigation  
boutique firm. Handled all aspects of complex  
commercial litigation.

BRYAN CAVE (1996-1997): Served as associate  
handling products liability litigation, including  
product defect cases and asbestos lawsuits.

DECHERT (1994-1996): Served as associate handling products liability litigation, including cigarette litigation for Philip Morris and pharmaceutical litigation.

**LICENSES**

Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Missouri (inactive)

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

- Chairman of the Board – Community Legal Services (2014 to 2017). Current Board Member.
- Chairman of the Board – Philadelphia Legal Assistance (2014 to 2017). Current Board Member.
- Past Chairman of the Board and Current Board Member – Homeless Advocacy Project
- Supervisor of a weekly legal clinic for the homeless, run by University of Pennsylvania Law Students under the umbrella of the Homeless Advocacy Project (1997 to Present).

Michael LiPuma has been representing business litigation clients since 1994. Mr. LiPuma was named as one of Pennsylvania's "Rising Stars" in the 2005 and 2007 editions of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers. He was also featured in an article about solo practitioners, entitled "Leap of Faith," that appeared in the December 2007 edition of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers.

Mr. LiPuma received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania (magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa) in 1991 and his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School (cum laude; Order of the Coif) in 1994. After graduating from Penn Law School, Mr. LiPuma obtained several years of large law firm experience, and he also practiced for nearly five years at the commercial litigation boutique of Mann, Ungar, Spector & Labovitz. He started his own law practice with the goal of providing the same high-quality service as a large law firm, but with greater responsiveness and less expense for clients.

Mr. LiPuma is admitted to practice in the state courts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Missouri. He is also admitted to practice in the federal district courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the Eastern District of Missouri. He is also admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. LiPuma is active in community affairs. He serves on the Boards of the Homeless Advocacy Project, Community Legal Services, and Philadelphia Legal Assistance. He also serves as a volunteer with the Homeless Advocacy Project, supervising law students who provide legal services to the homeless and indigent.