

PHILIP M. PASQUARELLO, ESQ.

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Kline & Specter, PC

Trial Attorney

August 2018 - Present

Law Clerk

August 2017 - May 2018

- Handle catastrophic personal injury cases from intake through resolution, including drafting pleadings, conducting written discovery, taking/defending depositions, and negotiating settlement.
- First and second chaired trials representing clients who were catastrophically injured.
- Recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements and trial verdicts for clients.
- Case load includes medical malpractice, products liability, motor vehicle accident, and sexual abuse matters.

Saul Ewing LLP

Summer Associate

May 2017 - July 2017

United States Attorney's Office (EDPA)

Intern

June 2016 - August 2016

TRIAL ADVOCACY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law

Assistant Teaching Professor

July 2025 - Present

Director of Trial Advocacy

November 2023 - Present

Trial Competition Director

October 2020 - November 2023

Trial Team Coach

August 2018 - October 2020

- Coach law school trial teams to regional and national championships.
- Host several trial advocacy tournaments annually in which hundreds of teams participated.
- Led the law school to its highest U.S. News Trial Advocacy rank in school history (#8).

Stand Up Mock Trial

August 2018 - Present

Consultant

- Consulted with high school mock trial programs on case theory, trial technique, and speaking skills.
- Provided one-on-one tutoring to high school competitors preparing for competition.
- Worked with teams to prepare for tournaments where they won regional and national championships.

Saint Joseph's Preparatory School

August 2019 - January 2020

Mock Trial Coach

PUBLISHED TRIAL ADVOCACY CASE PROBLEMS

- *Doig v. Kline Wrestling Alliance* (negligence), Battle of the Experts, 2024
- *Caccioppoli v. First City* (premises liability), First Chair Trial Competition, 2024 (co-author)

- *Jones v. Dragon Studios* (negligence), Trial by Combat, 2024 (co-author)
- *Schaffer v. Kline County Dragons* (negligence), Battle of the Experts, 2023
- *United States v. Crosby* (murder), Trial by Combat, 2023 (co-author)
- *Topping v. DragonWorld* (negligence), Battle of the Experts, 2022
- *United States v. Shepard* (murder), All Star National Competitions, 2022 (co-author)
- *State v. Santosusso* (murder), Battle of the Experts, 2021
- *Mehra v. Sonny's Rooftop Bar* (dram shop), Trial by Combat, 2021 (co-author)
- *State v. Ray* (murder), Battle of the Experts, 2020 (co-author)
- *United States v. Bassett* (murder), Trial by Combat, 2020 (co-author)
- *Avila v. Nita City Hospital* (med mal), National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 2018 (co-author)

TRIAL COMPETITIONS COACHED

- Amicus Cup Trial Competition (UCLA Law), 2025
- National Trial Competition (American College of Trial Lawyers), 2025
- National Medical-Legal Trial Competition (Hofstra Law), 2024
- Peter James Johnson National Civil Rights Trial Competition (Saint John's Law), 2024
- First Chair Trial Competition (UCLA Law), 2024
- Top Gun National Trial Competition (Baylor Law), 2024
- Amicus Cup Trial Competition (UCLA Law), 2024
- Student Trial Advocacy Competition (American Association for Justice), 2024
- Tournament of Champions (National Board of Trial Advocacy), 2023
- Flash Trial National Trial Competition (UC Berkeley Law), 2023
- Top Gun National Trial Competition (Baylor Law), 2023
- Amicus Cup Trial Competition (UCLA Law), 2023
- Queens District Attorney's Office Mock Trial Competition, 2023
- National Trial Competition (American College of Trial Lawyers), 2023
- Tournament of Champions (National Board of Trial Advocacy), 2022
- Top Gun National Trial Competition (Baylor Law), 2022
- National Trial Competition (American College of Trial Lawyers), 2022
- Tournament of Champions (National Board of Trial Advocacy), 2021
- Top Gun National Trial Competition (Baylor Law), 2021
- National Trial Competition (American College of Trial Lawyers), 2021
- National Civil Trial Competition (Loyola Marymount Law), 2020
- National Online Trial Advocacy Competition (UCLA Law), 2020
- Student Trial Advocacy Competition (American Association for Justice), 2020
- Ben Franklin Invitational High School Mock Trial Tournament (University of Penn.), 2020
- Blue and Gold Mock High School Mock Trial Tournament (La Salle University), 2020
- Judge Paul Joseph Kelly, Jr. Invitational Trial Competition (Fordham Law), 2019
- Capitol City Challenge (American University Washington College of Law), 2019
- Lone Star Classic (Saint Mary's Law), 2018

TRIAL COMPETITIONS HOSTED

- Trial by Combat 1-on-1 College Trial National Championship, 2025
- Online National Championship, 2025
- National Trial Competition, sponsored by American College of Trial Lawyers, 2025
- The Premiere Trial Competition, 2024

- Battle of the Experts Trial Competition, 2024
- Trial by Combat 1-on-1 College Trial National Championship, 2024
- Student Trial Advocacy Competition, sponsored by American Association for Justice, 2024
- Online National Championship, 2024
- Battle of the Experts Trial Competition, 2023
- Trial by Combat 1-on-1 College Trial National Championship, 2023
- National Trial Competition, sponsored by American College of Trial Lawyers, 2023
- Battle of the Experts Trial Competition, 2022
- Trial by Combat 1-on-1 College Trial National Championship, 2022
- Battle of the Experts Trial Competition, 2021
- Trial by Combat 1-on-1 College Trial National Championship, 2021
- Battle of the Experts Trial Competition, 2020
- Trial by Combat 1-on-1 College Trial National Championship, 2020

TRIAL ADVOCACY PRESENTATIONS

Bernstein J., Pasquarello P., *“Are Hosts Cheating? And Other Tournament Truths We Can Learn From Data,”* Educating Advocacy Teachers Conference, June 2024

Drexel Kline Trial Team Boot Camp, August 2024

Adams T., Bellido A., Beger T., Donoghue K., Pasquarello P., *“Recasting Online Competitions,”* Educating Advocacy Teachers Conference, June 2023

Drexel Kline Trial Team Boot Camp, July 2022-August 2022

Lippy E., Pasquarello P., Shlahet A., *“Coaches Training Programs & Policies,”* Educating Advocacy Teachers Conference, June 2022

Caldwell E., Pasquarello P., *“Check Your Privilege: Update on the Current Landscape of the Peer Review and MCARE Act Privileges,”* Kline & Specter Continuing Legal Education program, August 2021

Drexel Kline Trial Team Boot Camp, July 2021

“Use of Exhibits on Zoom,” Drexel Kline Law School Introduction to Trial Advocacy, March 2021

“Understanding the ins and outs of Direct and Cross-examination,” Advanced Law & Trial Internship Summit (hosted by Leadership Initiatives), July 2020

“Distinctions between Pennsylvania and Federal Rules of Evidence,” Kline & Specter Continuing Legal Education program, March 2019

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star	2025
Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star	2024
Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star	2023
Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star	2022

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

Admitted 2018

New Jersey

Admitted 2020

EDUCATION

Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law

Juris Doctor

May 2018

Honors:

GPA: 3.68; Class Rank: 7/116; Magna Cum Laude

Dean's List: Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018 semesters

Kline & Specter Award for Exceptional Advocacy

Best Student Performance: Criminal Law (Spring 2016), Intro to Trial Advocacy (Fall 2016), Evidence (Fall 2016), Advanced Trial Advocacy: Civil (Fall 2017)

Rising Advocate Scholarship recipient

Activities:

Trial Team

-National Champion - Baylor Law School's "Top Gun" (2018)

-Regional Champion, Best Advocate - National Trial Competition (2018)

-National Champion, Best Advocate - Tournament of Champions (2017)

-Regional Champion, Best Advocate - National Trial Competition (2017)

-National Champion, Best Advocate - Tournament of Champions (2016)

University of Delaware

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and Economics)

May 2015

Activities:

Mock Trial Team

-President (2013 - 2015)