

Practice Areas

- Appellate Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law
- Labor & Employment Litigation

Education

- Temple University School of Law, J.D., 1997
- West Chester University, B.S., 1989

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

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Wendy Lappin Barragree enjoys an active and diverse civil trial practice, which focuses on litigation defense involving employee benefits and ERISA, employment practices liability, medical negligence, automobile and premises liability, and casualty claims. In her career, spanning more than two decades, Ms. Barragree has successfully defended employers, medical providers, corporations, business owners, and individuals at both the major jury trial and arbitration levels in federal and state courts. She has achieved favorable results for her clients through summary judgment, jury verdict, and arbitration award.

As defense counsel for a nationally recognized insurer that serves as claims administrator for employee welfare benefits plans, including plans governed by ERISA, Ms. Barragree has successfully defended claims filed in Federal District Court alleging improper denial of life, health and disability benefits, as well as statutory interpleader cases involving life insurance beneficiary disputes.

In her years as medical malpractice defense counsel, Ms. Barragree has represented physicians and practice groups in a multitude of specialties, including neurosurgery, obstetrics, orthopedics, neurology, family practice, cardiology, and surgery, in a wide variety of cases filed and tried in both federal and state courts, and she has extensive experience in the negotiated resolution, mediation and arbitration of such cases.

In representing a large automobile and general liability insurance company and its nationwide subsidiaries, Ms. Barragree has successfully litigated a multitude of matters involving third party liability, personal injury protection, property damage, uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage, and bad faith. Ms. Barragree has also provided coverage opinions involving material misrepresentation and bad faith in a variety of states.

Ms. Barragree has obtained numerous successful results by way of arbitration and alternative dispute resolution in her representation of an international hospitality client. In the employment context, Ms. Barragree has litigated multiple cases in federal and state courts involving race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and disability

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discrimination to successful conclusion.

Specializing in cases involving catastrophic damages, Ms. Barragree has both analyzed and tried cases in which her involvement focused on the analysis, mitigation, and expert defense of complex personal injury claims, including extensive and complicated injuries and medical care, life care plans, past and future lost earnings and earning capacity, Medicare/Medicaid and other liens.

Ms. Barragree's skill as a litigator is recognized by judges, her defense peers, and opposing counsel. The firm's clients rely upon Ms. Barragree for her ability and dedication to providing the highest quality defense while meeting their goals in budget management and cost-containment.

