



Kathleen A. Gallagher

partner

Kathy is co-chair the firm's Election Law practice. She brings more than 30 years of litigation experience with a focus on complex commercial and business litigation including real estate, contract, construction, trademark, securities fraud and environmental disputes.

With nearly 20 years of experience in re-districting matters, Kathy represents clients in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as well as United States District Courts in Pennsylvania and Virginia. She has represented the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in multiple redistricting matters over the last several years.

A former prosecutor, Kathy has extensive experience conducting internal investigations for public and private corporate entities and public bodies, including internal investigations conducted under the Department of Justice Corporate Governance guidelines and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines.

Kathy's legal background includes serving as a member of the Local Rules Advisory Committee for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and being appointed by U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter to the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission for the Western District of Pennsylvania. She was appointed by former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett to The Higher Education Advisory Panel and was appointed by the General Counsel of the World Meeting of Families as a member of the legal team for the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia in 2015.

A frequent speaker on a variety of legal topics, Kathy has presented on the unique issues raised in the financial and private business sectors as it pertains to the redistricting law, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Sarbanes-Oxley and the U.S. Patriot Act, as well as corporate officer liability issues.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Serves as general counsel for the Pennsylvania Republican Party.
- Represents the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives with respect to a constitutional challenge to Pennsylvania's absentee ballot laws.

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EDUCATION

Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., 1982

Grove City College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1979

SERVICES

Litigation

- Commercial litigation
- Construction
- Environmental litigation
- Insurance litigation
- Intellectual property litigation
- Securities litigation
- Appellate and Supreme Court practice

Corporate & Internal Investigations

Government & Regulatory Affairs

- Election law representation

- Represented the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in conjunction with multi-jurisdictional and multi-venue redistricting litigation regarding the 2011 Congressional map. After prevailing both in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and before the Commonwealth Court, the map was overturned by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in a 5-2 decision.
- Represented the National Republican Congressional Committee in conjunction with the special election for the 18th Congressional District and election day operations for key congressional races in Western Pennsylvania.
- Successfully represented State Rep. Bud Cook during the canvass and subsequent election challenge brought by his opponent.
- Represented the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in filing an amicus brief with the Supreme Court of the United States in *Rucho v. Common Cause*, arguing that partisan gerrymandering claims are nonjusticiable, which position the Supreme Court adopted.
- Represents publicly traded residential builders, as well as private entities, in matters involving land use, development, zoning, environmental and commercial litigation matters.
- Currently represents multiple entities, public and private, in conducting internal investigations involving a wide range of criminal, civil and ethics matters with a concentration in governance matters.
- Successfully represented the court-appointed receiver in bankruptcy in a case seeking recovery in excess of \$60 million for breach of an oral contract to provide software to run a steel processing plant which cost in excess of \$250 million; case settled after opening statements.
- Successfully defended licensee corporation in a multi-jurisdictional \$75 million claim for breach of a license agreement.
- Successfully defended a privately-held corporation, its officers and directors, and related trusts in a multi-jurisdictional, multi-million-dollar dispute alleging fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract.
- Represented the 2001 Reapportionment Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, successfully defending the 2001 decennial Commonwealth redistricting plan before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.
- Represented the Republican Caucus of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and then Majority Leader Mike Turzai in conjunction with the 2011 State and Congressional decennial redistricting of the Commonwealth, ultimately defending the 2011 State Redistricting Plan before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

PRESENTATIONS

- “Pennsylvania Election Law and Campaign Finance,” Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Sept. 19, 2019

COMMUNITY

- Anne B. Anstine Excellence in Public Services Series, Board Member
- St. Anthony Charitable Foundation, Board Member
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Pennsylvania, Board Member
- The Heinz History Center, Board Member
- Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Children’s Challenge, Board Member

- La Roche College, Former Adjunct Professor