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Jim Tinnyo is a partner in the Harrisburg office of Thomas, Thomas and Hafer, LLP, and also serves as the Chair of the firm's Workers' Compensation Section.

Jim has practiced workers' compensation law in Pennsylvania since 1987 and has litigated workers' compensation cases before numerous workers' compensation judges, the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, Commonwealth Court and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Mr. Tinnyo represents a multitude of insurance carriers, third party administrators and employers in workers' compensation litigation throughout the Commonwealth. He is a frequent lecturer on workers' compensation law, including the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's "Tough Problems" and Fall Section meeting seminars. Mr. Tinnyo is author of "Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Law: A New Requirement For Establishing Causation in Off-Premises Injuries," April 2004, Pennsylvania Bar Quarterly.

Jim was also the content review editor of the chapters on workers' compensation in the Pennsylvania Law Encyclopedia, 2006 and 2018 editions.

**Practice Areas:**

Workers' Compensation

**Education:**

George Washington University National Law Center, J.D.

The Pennsylvania State University, B.A., Political Science

**Bar Admissions:**

Pennsylvania, 1985  
Maryland, 1992  
U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit, 1986  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1986

**Professional Associations and Memberships:**

Dauphin County Bar Association  
Defense Research Institute  
Pennsylvania Research Institute  
Claims & Litigation Management Alliance

**Professional Presentations:**

***Faculty Member and Presenter - Pennsylvania Bar Institute***

- "Tough Problems in Workers' Compensation: Considerations for Assessment of Counsel Fees," 2003
- Worker's Compensation Committee Fall Meeting, 2004
- "Tough Problems in Workers' Compensation: New Vocational Strategies in Light of Riddle and Phoenixville Hospital and Vocational Regulations," 2011
- "Tough Problems in Workers' Compensation: Heart & Lung and Workers' Compensation," 2017

**Professional Publications:**

- PA Workers Compensation Law: A New Requirement for Establishing Causation in Off-Premises Injuries - Pa. Bar Assn Quarterly at 75 Pa Bar. Assn Quarterly 80, April 2004
- Workers' Compensation, Pennsylvania Law Encyclopedia - Content Review Editor, 2006 and 2018 Editions

**Honors and Awards:**

Rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell

**Significant Appellate Decisions:**

- Costa v. WCAB (Carlisle Carrier Corp.), 958 A.2d 596 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2008)
- Trevdan Bldg. Supply v. WCAB (Pope), 9 A.3d 1221 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2010)
- Mills v. WCAB (School Dist. of Harrisburg), 24 A.3d 1094 ( Pa. Cmwlth. 2011)
- Boyertown Foundry v. WCAB (Martinez), No. 1273 C.D. 2011 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2011)
- East Hempfield Township v. WCAB (Stahl), No. 1058 C.D. 2017 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2018)