

Practice Groups

Appellate

Rhoads & Sinon's Appellate Practice Group represents parties and *amicus curiae* in the appellate Courts of Pennsylvania, as well as the various Federal Appeals Courts. Our role in appellate cases ranges from briefing and arguing, to provide guidance to litigators on appellate strategy. We also provide assistance on emergency matters, including temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, mandamus petitions, and stays pending appeal.

Both Pennsylvania Appellate Courts and Federal Appeals Courts present a challenge to all lawyers, particularly those who do not regularly practice before those Courts. There are unique, and sometimes frustrating, rules and requirements that have caused the failure of many appeals and created angst for counsel and their clients.

Our Appellate Practice Group consists of practitioners with years of experience in appellate disputes, with expertise cutting across every legal discipline, from tax to environmental to constitutional challenges and everything in between. No case or cause is too big, or too small, when an appeal must be taken. Further, our broad experience, knowledge of the Courts and the Judges, convenient location in the State Capital of Pennsylvania, and expertise in the appellate rules, provide substantial assistance to our clients who are faced with an appeal.

When an appeal arises, we believe that the case demands an objective examination. While trials are dictated by factual disputes, appeals focus on the appropriate standard of review to be applied already established by the trial court. The merits of any appeal should be reviewed by experienced counsel, unburdened by the events of the trial court. The lawyers in the Rhoads & Sinon Appellate Practice Group are experienced in working on appeals in matters that were handled by other counsel at the trial level. We have, for over 60 years, served as "Of Counsel" in matters throughout Pennsylvania to lawyers and law firms in all areas of the law.

Whether Rhoads & Sinon takes the lead in preparing a brief and presenting argument on the appeal, or simply serves in a consultative or strategic role, our involvement in any appeal can be a critical factor in reaching a successful appeal.

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