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Heather S. Heidelbaugh has four decades of experience as a trial lawyer and has handled litigation matters for businesses and individuals regionally and nationally. Unique to her practice, clients hire her based on her expertise and passion as a trial lawyer and zealous advocacy; with an enviable record of wins. She is a member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers, Litigation Counsel of America (both honorary societies), listed in Best Lawyers, Super Lawyers and rated AV pre-eminent by Martindale Hubbell.

In addition to a successful trial practice, Heather has been very active in local, state, and national political matters; both as a lawyer in the Election Law arena, as a public official and candidate, and as a source for political analysis and commentary throughout Pennsylvania.

Capabilities

Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Defamation: Libel, Slander, and Commercial Disparagement (Co-Leader)
Election Law (Leader)
Product Liability Defense (Co-Leader)
Government Relations (Co-Leader)

Admissions

Pennsylvania
West Virginia
Ohio
Missouri
Illinois

Academics

J.D., University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law
B.A. in Economics and Political Science, University of Missouri-Columbia

Professional Memberships

Allegheny County Bar Association (Past President, Young Lawyers Section; Past Chair, Civil Litigation Section; Past Editor, Civil Litigation Newsletter)
Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County (Member, Board of Governors)
Republican National Lawyers Association (Former Co-Chair)
Trial Law Institute
Allegheny County Bar Foundation (Fellow)
The Missouri 100, University of Missouri (Member)

Litigation Counsel of America, Charter Senior Fellow

Diversity Law Institute (Member, Board of Directors)
Trial Law Institute
Board of Advisors (Former)
Barrister
Order of Veritas
Advocate
Order of Certus

Professional Accolades

Martindale-Hubbell

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated Attorney

Best Lawyers

Commercial Litigation Practice, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2020-2027)
Government Relations Practice, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2020-2027)
Government Relations Practice, *Best Lawyers Pennsylvania* (2020-2026)
Government Relations Practice, *Best Lawyers Pittsburgh* (2020-2026)

Super Lawyers

Pennsylvania Super Lawyer, *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Magazine*
Pennsylvania Super Lawyer, *Pennsylvania & Delaware Super Lawyers Magazine*
Pennsylvania Super Lawyer, Business Litigation, *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Magazine Corporate Counsel Edition*
Top 50 Women Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Magazine*
Top 50 Pittsburgh Super Lawyers, *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Magazine*

Additional Accolades

Allegheny County Bar Association Pro Bono Award for Homeless Legal Clinic Formation (First Recipient)
Allegheny Health Network Woman of Achievement (2015)
Republican National Lawyers Association Betty Murphy Award (2015)
Law Power 100, City & State PA (2022)
Chair of Federal Judicial Commission, appointed by United States Senator Toomey

Publications

"Protecting the Integrity of the Polling Place: A Constitutional Defense of Poll Watcher Statutes," *Harvard Journal on Legislation*, Logan S. Fisher & James D. Miller, Volume 46, Number 1, Winter 2009. (Author)
"Product Liability for Off Label Use of Drugs or Medical Devices – Pennsylvania," State by State Survey of the Law Regarding Potential Liability for off Label Use of Drugs or Medical Devices, *ABA Section of Litigation*, 1999

Speeches & Presentations

American Corporate Counsel Association
Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC)
Harvard Law School
House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
Inns of Court Pittsburgh Chapter
Litigation Counsel of America
National Business Institute
Pennsylvania Bar Institute

Media Appearances/Quoted By:

ABC World News Tonight
ABC Local/WTAE
American Spectator
CNN
The Detroit News
Fox News (*The Factor with Bill O'Reilly*)
Investor's Business Daily
KDKA Radio/KDKA-TV
KQV Newsradio 1410 AM
Law 360
The National Law Journal
NBC Local/WPXI
The New York Times
Pittsburgh Cable News Channel (PCNC) / *NightTalk*
The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
Politico
The Wall Street Journal
The Washington Post
The Washington Times
WESA-FM
WQED (Former Panelist on "4802" for nine years)
WPXI – Political Analyst, election night coverage, *NightTalk* appearances from 1998 to 2023

Community Involvement

Candidate for Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, General Election (2020)
Allegheny County Council (At-Large Member, 2012-2015)
Allegheny Institute (Ex-Officio Board Member)
Pennsylvania Auditor General Timothy DeFoor (Transition Team Member)
Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity (Transition Team Member)