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MATTHEW R. BARNES is an associate at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP. He is a member of the Litigation Practice Group.

Mr. Barnes focuses his practice on civil and commercial litigation and has experience advocating for both plaintiffs and defendants. He has participated in the securing of a multimillion-dollar jury verdict and the successful defense of local and multinational corporations.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Barnes worked as a commercial litigation associate for a leading international law firm.

Mr. Barnes' commitment to excellence in trial advocacy is rooted in his legal training. A graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, Mr. Barnes was a member of the Georgetown Law Criminal Justice Clinic, where he represented clients in Washington D.C. Superior Court. For his work in the clinic, he received Georgetown's Alan J. Goldstein Award, an honor given to the clinic member who best demonstrates "the use of intelligence, creativity, and resourcefulness in defending clients; the pursuit of excellence as a lawyer; and the ability to lead and inspire others to maximize their potential as lawyers." Mr. Barnes was also a member of Georgetown's Moot Court team and served as a judicial intern for Chief Justice Debra Todd of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Mr. Barnes graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, *summa cum laude*, with a B.A. in History. While at the University of Pittsburgh, he was the Opinions Editor of *The Pitt News*.

Mr. Barnes is active in the Greater Pittsburgh community. He has been a featured speaker at local community organizations and serves on the board of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, an organization devoted to the training of future civic and community leaders.

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court - Middle District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court - Western District of Pennsylvania