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MARK T. SOTTILE is a senior associate at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP and is a member of the Employment and Labor Practice Group. He has tried multiple cases to verdict in Pennsylvania and Jersey state and federal courts and obtained summary judgment victories in countless high-stakes employment and commercial litigation matters.

Mr. Sottile has litigated hundreds of employment and commercial law claims under a number of federal statutes, namely Title VII, 1981, the FMLA, ADEA, and ADA, also handling matters pursuant to the FLSA and state cases under the NJLAD and PHRA for various forms of employment discrimination as well as breach of contract, tortious interference, and unjust enrichment claims. He has also litigated and advised on non-compete and restrictive covenant matters as well as commercial disputes with millions of dollars at stake.

Pre-litigation, Mr. Sottile counsels his corporate clients on a range of employment and commercial matters relating to contractual obligations, medical leaves, wage issues, ADA accommodations, hiring, discipline, resignations, and terminations. Leveraging his trial experience and vast knowledge of employment and contract law, Mr. Sottile helps his clients avoid the expensive process of litigation through effective advice and counseling. Mr. Sottile has also been called on by clients to conduct intensive and wide-ranging employment investigations into allegations of discrimination, retaliation, and harassment. He has also drafted severance packages and employment contracts for high-level executives and physicians. His clients include large corporations, as well as small and midsize businesses and individuals in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, and Florida.

In addition to his employment and commercial law practice, Mr. Sottile handles, personal injury and premises liability cases, and other general liability matters.

Mr. Sottile is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*® 2024 edition for his practice in Labor and Employment Law.

Mr. Sottile received his J.D. from the Villanova University School of Law, and his undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from Union College.

Representative Matters

Obtained summary judgment on hostile work environment, discrimination, and retaliation claims related to alleged racial discrimination pursuant to Title VII, § 1981, and, § 1983 in lawsuit against local municipality; Obtained summary judgment in Americans with Disabilities Act discrimination and retaliation matter against

Pennsylvania hospital;

Obtained preliminary injunction on behalf of a prominent Pennsylvania hospital after anesthesia provider sought to pull its services following contract dispute;

Negotiated \$400,000 severance for marketing executive with viable whistleblower claims;

Filed for summary judgment on ADEA matter and obtained nuisance value settlement for hospital provider with motion pending;

Tried New Jersey CEPA matter, with case settling favorably 3 days into trial;

Defeated preliminary injunction in Pennsylvania after physician sought to violate non-competition agreement;

Obtained summary judgment on sexual harassment and retaliation claims under Title VII and, §1983 in lawsuit against local municipality;

Prevailed in Third Circuit appeal on Americans with Disabilities Act discrimination and retaliation matter; and

Obtained summary judgment on retaliation claims under Title VII and §1983 in lawsuit against local municipality.

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

U.S. District Court – Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court – Middle District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court – New Jersey