

Lance J. Nelson

PARTNER

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil & Commercial Litigation
- Family Law

EDUCATION

- Boston College (*B.A., Economics and Political Science*)
- Villanova University School of Law (*cum laude, Order of the Coif*)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lance was admitted to the Delaware and Pennsylvania bars in 1991, and joined MacElree Harvey in 1992. He became a director of the firm in 1998, and the managing partner in 2001. His primary practice areas include commercial litigation and family law.

MEMBERSHIPS

Lance has been a member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board's Hearing Committee since 2001. He has also served in several capacities for the Chester County Bar Association, including secretary (2007), The Law Explorer's Committee (Chair, 1993-2004), Young Lawyers' Division (Chair, 1998), the Nominating Committee (1996, 1997), the Mentoring Committee (1999-2001), the Judicial Evaluation Committee (Chair, 2002), and the Board of Directors (January 2003-present). Other organizations Lance gives his time to include the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, where he served on the Task Force on Balance and Quality of Life from 1999 to 2001, as well as the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the American Inns of Court (John E. Stively Inn), and the Legal Marketing Association.

Lance has also served on the Presidential Scholarship Steering Committee for West Chester University (2000-present, Chairman 2001-2002), on the Board of Directors for Legal Aid of Chester County (1998-2000), on the Board of the West Chester Business Improvement District (2001-present, Chairman, 2004 and 2005) and on the Board of the West Chester Downtown Foundation (2006-present).

Lance is a frequent lecturer on family law issues and has presented to various state and local organizations including: Chester County Bar Association, Institute of Management Accountants, Pennsylvania Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

In 2007, Lance was chosen one of the top family law attorneys in the region by *Main Line Today* magazine.



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