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Practice Areas

- Pharmaceutical Litigation
- Class Actions
- Securities Litigation and Stockbroker Claims
- · Complex Civil Litigation
- Medical and other Professional Malpractice
- Products Liability

Professional Activities

- President, Eastern Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates
- Treasurer, J. Willard O'Brien Inns of Court at Villanova University Law School
- Mediator, United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- American, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations
- American, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Associations
- Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association

Other Affiliations

- Board of Consultors, Villanova University School of Law
- Former Director, Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation

Sol H. Weiss, a Shareholder of Anapol Schwartz, is an experienced trial attorney known for his exacting preparation and attention to detail. A "lawyer's lawyer", he is able to handle the most complex case and still present the facts and law in a way the judge and jury will understand.

Mr. Weiss concentrates his practice in complex civil litigation, including class actions and pharmaceutical cases, medical and other professional malpractice, securities litigation and products liability matters. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from the Pennsylvania State University in 1968 and his law degree from Villanova University School of Law in 1972. He is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania, as well as being specially admitted to practice in other states.

Mr. Weiss has served in various positions for the Pennsylvania Association for Justice and was a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association. He is past President of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He also served as Treasurer of the J. Willard O'Brien Inn of Court of Villanova University Law School. He is a frequent lecturer on class actions, pharmaceutical liability, civil litigation issues, trial skills and technology in the courtroom. He has lectured for many professional groups, including the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Mealey's, Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, American Association for Justice and for private industry. He is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations, as well as the American Association for Justice, Pennsylvania Association for Justice and Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association. Mr. Weiss is on the Board of Directors and is currently on the Executive Committee of the American Association for Justice. In 2009, he received the Harry M. Philo Award as the Association's outstanding trial lawyer for his work on limiting Federal Preemption.

Mr. Weiss is an active member of the Board of Consultors of the Villanova University School of Law. He also served as a Director of the Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation.

Mr. Weiss has been involved in many significant verdicts and settlements, including:

♦ \$3.75 Billion Dollar Settlement in National Diet Drug Settlement Case. Mr. Weiss started a nine-week long trial in

- Middlesex County, New Jersey seeking medical monitoring screening benefits for New Jersey residents. The case was eventually stayed when Sol and other attorneys negotiated a \$3.75 billion dollar settlement in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. David Jacoby assisted in the New Jersey State Court Trial.
- ❖ \$68.5 Million Dollar Settlement for Baycol Pharmaceutical Case. Mr. Weiss earned a \$68.5 million dollar settlement for 168 people seriously injured by the statin drug, Baycol. Sol negotiated the settlement with Bayer, who withdrew the medication from the market in 2001.
- ❖ \$4.85 Billion Dollar Vioxx Settlement. Mr. Weiss served as Co-Liaison Counsel for 16,000 cases in the New Jersey State Court coordinated litigation.
- ❖ AM/PM Franchisee Association v. Atlantic Richfield Company.

 Mr. Weiss earned a confidential multi-million dollar class action settlement for AM/PM Mini Market operators against Atlantic Richfield Company to recover lost profits when ARCO supplied defective gasoline to dealers in New York and Pennsylvania.
- ❖ 900 Individual Diet Drug Victims Settle Lawsuits. Mr. Weiss, along with David Jacoby, negotiated a confidential settlement for 900 individual diet drug lawsuits on behalf of clients from seven law firms in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
- ❖ Duncan v. Lord, 409 F.Supp. 687 (E.D. Pa. 1976). Contingency Fee Agreement in Legal Malpractice. Mr. Weiss successfully argued that a victim of legal malpractice should not be injured twice by having damages reduced by the percentage of the Contingency Fee Agreement a victim signed with a negligent attorney. This was an issue of first impression that had not been previously decided upon under Pennsylvania Law.
- ❖ Alfiero v. Berks Mutual Leasing Co., 500 A.2d 169 (Pa. Super. 1985). Insurance Companies Forced to Pay Amount Insured Agreed to Pay to Protect Personal Assets. Mr. Weiss and Paul Anapol achieved a landmark decision in which CNA Insurance Company was forced to pay an amount its insured agreed to pay to protect its personal assets. CNA argued unsuccessfully that it had no legal duty to indemnify the insured until it personally paid the judgment. This precedent has helped both victims and small corporations settle serious personal injury cases when the insurance company would rather delay or unjustly deny payment.
- ❖ Surace v. Caterpillar, Inc., 111 F.2d 1039 (3d Cir. 1997). Court Must Focus on Manufacturer's Conduct Rather than Victim's Actions in Product Liability Cases. Mr. Weiss successfully argued that the fact finder must focus on the manufacturer's conduct rather than the victim's actions in a products liability case. Rarely should a jury consider a victim's actions in such product liability cases.