



## Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Products Liability Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Personal Injury Defense
- Professional Liability
- Insurance Litigation
- Government Relations
- Municipal & Public Entities

## Education

- Syracuse University  
College of Law, J.D., 1989
- Le Moyne College,  
B.A., *cum laude*, 1986

## Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the

# Timothy P. Murphy

## PARTNER

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Timothy Murphy is the Managing Partner of Hancock Estabrook. He has served as Managing Partner since 2018, furthering the firm's mission to deliver quality and value with exceptional client service, to attract and develop top legal talent and to support the community. During this time, Hancock Estabrook has grown with the hiring of dozens of lawyers, paralegals and other professionals, moved into new state of the art office space in the penthouse floors of AXA Tower I, been named a *Best Companies to Work for in New York* and adopted a comprehensive strategic plan.

Prior to this role, Mr. Murphy served on the firm's Executive Committee and as Marketing & Business Development Partner. He previously served as Hancock Estabrook's Hiring Partner and Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Mr. Murphy has 30 years of experience representing clients in product liability, motor vehicle, construction accident, medical malpractice, negligence, premises liability, toxic tort, and commercial cases in State and Federal Court.

He enjoys connecting with clients to understand their business and the issues they are facing. This allows him the opportunity to provide thorough, practical and creative advice when helping clients deal with litigation matters. Mr. Murphy's clients include Fortune 500 companies, product manufacturers, trucking companies, retailers, banks, individuals, small and medium-size businesses, security companies, higher education institutions and municipalities.

Mr. Murphy grew up in Syracuse and is a second-generation lawyer with strong connections to the Central New York community. His father retired as a New York State Supreme Court Justice after 30 years on the bench, and his brother is currently a Supreme Court Justice in Onondaga County and the Administrative Judge for the 5th Judicial District. Mr. Murphy has presented to New York State Supreme Court Justices on the topics of "Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Cases", "Resolving Medicare Liens" and "New York's Presumptive ADR Initiative" at 5th District Judicial Seminars. He was also appointed to the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board by Honorable A. Gail Prudenti, Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State.

Mr. Murphy is regularly retained to serve as a mediator in Syracuse and throughout Upstate New York. Due to his vast experience representing individuals, businesses and insurance carriers in many different types of litigation, Mr. Murphy is uniquely qualified to understand the different perspectives of both sides and the emotional, financial and legal obstacles that keep them from resolving their disputes. Most importantly, he knows how to help conflicting parties overcome those obstacles. Mr. Murphy has been

hired by dozens of different plaintiffs' and defense lawyers to serve as a mediator in state and federal court cases venued in Syracuse and across Upstate New York. He has also served as a mediator in the Northern District of New York ADR Program. Mr. Murphy has presented on New York's new mandatory Early Presumptive ADR program to Supreme Court Justices and other Judges. He attended the ABA Advance Mediation and Advocacy Skills Institute and the American Arbitration Association's Advanced Mediator Training Series: *Managing the Dynamics of a Multi-Party Case*. Mr. Murphy focuses his mediation practice on commercial, construction and labor law, medical malpractice, motor vehicle, negligence, premises liability and product liability cases.

Outside of work, Mr. Murphy spends as much time as possible on or around Skaneateles Lake with his wife, Mary Ann, and their three children

### **Representative Matters**

- Obtained a defense jury verdict in favor of the manufacturer of a chair purchased by the plaintiff, who fell to the ground and was injured when the chair collapsed as he sat on it (New York State Supreme Court, Onondaga County).
- Represented a commercial equipment lessor in a class action lawsuit where there was millions of dollars in potential exposure if class action certification was granted and obtained summary judgment denying class action certification in client's favor (New York State Supreme Court, Queens County).
- Successfully defended a product manufacturer in a toxic tort lawsuit brought by a plaintiff who claimed he sustained disfiguring chemical burns from coming in contact with our client's product (New York State Supreme Court, Tompkins County).
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of the International Boxing Hall of Fame in a lawsuit commenced by former heavy weight champion, Joe Frazier, for alleged unauthorized use of his image to promote a boxing match between his daughter and Mohammed Ali's daughter and successfully defended case on appeal (United States District Court, Northern District of New York and United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit).
- Obtained a defense jury verdict for a physical therapist who was alleged to have committed malpractice for utilizing cervical traction in treating a patient who became paralyzed (New York State Supreme Court, Onondaga County).
- Obtained a defense jury verdict in favor of a nursing home that was sued by a guest who claimed he fell and fractured his hip as a result of the allegedly negligently maintained condition of the nursing home property (New York State Supreme Court, Oneida County).
- Won a dismissal of a malpractice action against an attorney who allegedly made fraudulent misrepresentations to and converted a third party's funds through the use of attorney's escrow account (New York State Supreme Court, Erie County).
- Successfully prosecuted a lawsuit on behalf of the purchaser of a company against the seller to recover the costs associated with responding to the New York State DEC'S investigation of certain real property as a "superfund" site and obtained indemnification from seller for all past and future environmental losses (New York State Supreme Court, Oneida County).

### **Professional Credentials**

- Member, [ALFA International](#), Product Liability and Transportation Steering

## Committees

- Member, Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association
- Member, New York State Continuing Legal Education Board
- Member, New York State Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section
- Member, Onondaga County Bar Association
- Member, New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Member, Bishop Ludden High School, Board of Trustees
- Program Co-Chair, ALFA International's Eastern Great Lakes Regional Conference
- Past Chair, New York State Bar Association, Trial Lawyers Section Cyberspace Committee
- Past Division Leader, United Way of Central New York, Small Business Section
- Past President, Enable, Board of Directors
- Past Member, Syracuse University College of Law Alumni Association, Board of Directors
- Past Member, Le Moyne College, Board of Governors
- Past Member, Syracuse Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors
- Past Member, United Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York, Board of Directors

## Honors & Recognitions

- Rated, AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2009-2021)
- Selected, Upstate – New York, *Super Lawyers*
- Recipient, Jerradith Wilson Volunteer Award, Enable (2003)

## Press & Publications

### News

- 17 Hancock Estabrook Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers In America 2020
- Timothy P. Murphy has been Elected Managing Partner of the Firm

### Publications

- Mediation Alert: Remote Videoconference Mediations
- Litigation Law Alert: New York State to Begin Early Presumptive Mediation in Civil Cases in September

## Speaking Engagements

- Fifth District Judicial Seminar, “Resolving Medicare Liens”
- Fifth District Judicial Seminar, “Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Cases”