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Since 2008, Mr. White has been a partner in the products liability group. He is skilled in the areas of alternate dispute resolution, complex commercial litigation and toxic tort litigation. He also represents financial institutions and secured creditors in commercial loan workouts, related litigation, and bankruptcy. He was recently honored by being named a Fellow of the American College of Civil Trial Mediators. Mr. White has developed long-lasting ties with his clients who have relied upon his counsel in connection with collection and restructuring of troubled commercial loans and in defense of claims against lenders, including lender liability claims. In conjunction with his active ADR and litigation practice, Mr. White serves on the firm's Pro Bono Committee, Accounts Receivable Committee, Ethics Committee, and Associates Mentoring Committee.

Upon graduation from law school in 1986, Mr. White served a 2-year clerkship in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. In that capacity, he served as the first law clerk to The Honorable Sue L. Robinson.

From 1988-1993, Mr. White served as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Delaware. He represented several executive agencies in state and federal court litigation, including the Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the Department of Homeland Security, Division of State Police, Division of Motor Vehicles, Division of Emergency Management, and the Department of Correction.

From 1993-2001, Mr. White was in private practice. His practice was primarily in the areas of commercial litigation, commercial and consumer loan workouts, bankruptcy, and real estate. He was a frequent lecturer in the areas of bankruptcy and debt collection for the National Business Institute and the Lorman Business Institute. During this period, Mr. White also served as a Special Deputy Attorney General for the Appeals Division of the Department of Justice and was often retained as a hearing officer for the Department of Health & Social Services for Adult Abuse Registry cases, the Delaware State University, and several local public school districts in employment matters.

In 2001, Mr. White was appointed to the Delaware Superior Court as a Commissioner. He served on the Superior Court until March 2008. His responsibilities included presiding over all pretrial matters and motions pertaining to Court's complex mass tort litigation and presiding over other criminal and civil proceedings within his statutory jurisdiction. He also devoted a substantial amount of time to mediating and arbitrating pending civil cases.

From 2006-2008, Mr. White taught a civil litigation course for the University of Delaware, Division of Professional and Continuing Studies, receiving Excellence in Teaching awards in 2007 and 2008.

More recently, Mr. White served as the lead attorney in a significant pro bono, Superior Court Criminal Rule 61 post-conviction matter involving Lawrence Johnson, an inmate serving a double life sentence without probation for a homicide he marginally participated in when he was 15 years old. Mr. Johnson was a lookout for adult co-defendants who shot and killed a gun store clerk during the commission of a robbery. The post-conviction motion sought an individualized sentencing hearing in accordance with the June, 2012 decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court in Miller v. Alabama and Jackson v. Hobbs. In Miller

**PRACTICE**  
Product Liability

**INDUSTRY**  
Consumer Financial Services

**EDUCATION**  
J.D., Widener University School of Law, 1986

B.A., University of Delaware, 1982

Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Sue L. Robinson, U.S. District Court, District of Delaware, 1986-1988

Law Review, *The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law*, vol. 11

President, Moot Court Honor Society

Contributing Editor, *Delaware Law Forum*

**BAR ADMISSIONS**  
Delaware

**COURT ADMISSIONS**  
U.S. District Court, District of Delaware

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

**MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**  
Executive Committee, Delaware State Bar Association

Member, Professional Guidance Committee

Fellow, American College of Civil Trial Mediators

Member, Special Discovery Master Panel, U.S. District Court, District of Delaware

Member, Delaware State Bar Association Committee on Judicial Compensation

Member, Carpenter-Walsh Pro Bono Inn of Court

and Hobbs, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the automatic imposition of a life sentence for homicide offenses violated the 8th Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. The cases extended the landmark, 2010 decision in *Graham v. Florida*, to all juvenile offenders, including those convicted of homicide offenses. On April 2, 2013, after having served nearly 18 years behind bars, Mr. Johnson was resentenced by the Superior Court and placed on probation. He has begun the important re-entry phase of his life in an effort to integrate back into society.

Mr. White also remains committed to maintaining the high standards of the Delaware Bar as an elected member of the Executive Committee of the Delaware State Bar Association from 2003-2010 and 2013-2014, and as an active member of the Professional Guidance Committee. He is also committed to the larger community. Since 2008 he has been the Firm's liaison to the Delaware Combined Campaign for Justice, which supports the important work of the Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. ("CLASI"), Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, Inc. ("DVLS"), and the Legal Services Corporation of Delaware, Inc. In 2008 Mr. White established the Firm's annual sponsorship of the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware 5K Race. Proceeds from the race help the Ronald McDonald House in its mission to provide a safe and affordable "home away from home" to families of seriously or chronically ill or injured children who are being treated at area hospitals. He also volunteers at the Emmanuel Dining Room and he was recently named to the Board of Directors of the Ministry of Caring Guild. Mr. White also serves as the legal advisor to the Justin W. Jennings Foundation, a non-profit organization located in Bethany Beach, Delaware whose goal is to maintain and support a home where families dealing with childhood cancer can enjoy a place of respite and family time.

Steering Committee,  
Superior Court Trial  
Practice forum

Faculty, University of  
Delaware, Division of  
Professional and  
Continuing Studies,  
2006-2008

Board of Directors,  
Ministry of Caring Guild

Board of Directors,  
Childrens' Beach House,  
Lewes, DE

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#### NEWS

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| 04/16/14 | McCarter & English recognized for pro bono support to Delaware Volunteer Legal Services which appeared in The Journal of the Delaware State Bar Association |
| 03/18/14 | David White represented a pro bono client in the Delaware Family Court in two contested trials on the same day  |
| 05/08/13 | David White quoted in Delaware Law Weekly, "Delaware Court Resentences Juvenile Offender, Now 35"   |
| 04/03/13 | Dave White scores major victory in groundbreaking criminal justice pro bono case  |
| 04/14/08 | Delaware Superior Court Commissioner David White Resigns to Join McCarter & English   |

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#### SPEAKING

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| 06/12/15 | ADR Panel<br>David A. White<br>Delaware Trial Lawyers Association 2015 Annual Convention   |
| 06/28/13 | <b>e-Discovery, Delaware Toxic Tort Update, Expert Witnesses and Effective Use of Courtroom Technology</b><br>David A. White<br>Moderator, 2013 Delaware Trial Lawyers Association Annual Convention |

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#### PUBLICATIONS

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| 01/01/11 | <b>Alternative Dispute Resolution</b><br>David A. White<br>HISTORY OF THE DELAWARE BAR FROM 1995 THROUGH 2010, at 347 (Michael F. McTaggart ed., 2011) |
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