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Brian G. Steller is a certified Civil Trial Attorney. He focuses his practice on insurance defense and coverage, hotel liability, professional liability, and corporate liability matters. He presently serves as a Mediator and Arbitrator in the Firms Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) practice. He also serves as Connell Foley's alternate contact with USLAW.

Mr. Steller has led a busy professional life and is currently the President of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and serves on the Board of Directors for the National Organization and is a Life Fellow of its Foundation. **He is also the Creator and Academic Administrator and Dean of the ABOTA Trial College.** The inaugural college was held on the campus of **Princeton University** from June 5 through June 10, 2010 with a national faculty of 20 plus ABOTA members (including five former national presidents) and 35 "students" (practicing attorneys with four to six years of trial experience) from around the country.

Mr. Steller has tried to verdict well over 60 matters in both state and federal courts. He is an accomplished Appellate attorney having argued before the New Jersey Court of Appeals on more than 30 occasions and before the New Jersey Supreme Court on four occasions for his clients.

Mr. Steller is also an active member of the New Jersey State and Essex County Bar Associations. In April of 2003, Mr. Steller was elected President of the Essex County Bar Association and was sworn into his post by then-New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justice, James R. Zazzali. As early as 1995, Mr. Steller was recognized for his trial skills having received the Civil Trial Attorney Achievement Award from the Essex Bar Association that year. During the past 25 years, Mr. Steller has also served as a moderator and panelist for numerous ABOTA, NJ State and Essex County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education programs.

During law school, Mr. Steller clerked for the Newark, New Jersey firm of former Chief Justice, James R. Zazzali. He began his legal career in 1982 as the law clerk to one of New Jersey's finest trial judges, the Hon. Murray G. Simon.

### Published Decisions

- Pinto v. New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company, 183 N.J. 405, 874 A.2d S20 (2004)

### Practice Areas:

Insurance Law  
Professional Liability  
Health Care and Medical Practice  
Hotel & Resort Liability  
Corporate Liability  
Alternative Dispute Resolution

### Admitted to Practice:

State of New Jersey  
United States District Court for the  
District of New Jersey  
United States Court of International Trade  
United States Supreme Court

### Education:

Villanova University (B.A., Political  
Science, 1978), Pi Sigma Alpha  
Seton Hall Law School (J.D., 1982)

### Affiliations:

American Board of Trial Advocates  
(ABOTA)  
New Jersey State Bar Association  
Essex County Bar Association  
Justice Brennan Inn of Court (Master)  
Life Fellow, Foundation of the American  
Board of Trial Advocates

### Accolades:

New Jersey Super Lawyer, Civil Litigation  
2005-2010  
Board Certified Trial Attorney – NJ  
Supreme Court 1991-present  
AV Rated By Martindale-Hubbell

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- Green v. New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company, 160 N.J. 480, 734 A.2d 1147 (1999)
- New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company v. Breen, 153 N.J. 424, 710 A.2d 421 (1998)
- Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Board v. New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company, 138 N.J. 185, 649 A.2d 1243 (1994)

#### **Professional Activities**

- Presenter, “Civility Matters,” NJ State Bar Association’s Annual Meeting, Atlantic City, New Jersey (May, 2010)
- Presenter, How to Argue Successfully Before the NJ Supreme Court, NJ State Bar Association, Santa Barbara, California (October, 2008)
- Presenter, “Settling Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claims,” National Business Institute Seminar, Princeton, New Jersey, July 9, 2008.
- Master in the William J. Brennan American Inn of Court.
- Member of the NJ State Golf Association and its Caddy Scholarship Foundation
- Former president and current member of the College Men’s Club of Westfield, a civil organization dedicated to providing college scholarships to deserving high school graduates.
- Former trustee of the Greater Elizabeth New Jersey Habitat for Humanity, which builds homes for low-income families.

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