

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

WALTER BLACK III, KEITH BARR, WAYNE
BEST, and DAVID FANT SR., individually and
on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

USAA GENERAL INDEMNITY COMPANY,
GARRISON PROPERTY AND CASUALTY
INSURANCE COMPANY, UNITED SERVICES
AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, USAA
CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendants.

Case No. 8:21-CV-01581-LKG

**DECLARATION OF KEITH T. VERNON IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS AND SERVICE AWARDS**

I, Keith T. Vernon, declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States as follows:

1. I am a partner in the Washington, DC office of the law firm Timoney Knox, LLP and am co-counsel of record for Plaintiffs in the above-captioned case. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Service Awards.

2. On December 16, 2025, this Court preliminarily appointed Timoney Knox, LLP ("Timoney Knox"), along with my co-counsel Tycko & Zavareei LLP and Kagan Stern Marinello & Beard LLC as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class.

3. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and the records of my law firm. If called upon to do so under oath, I could and would testify competently to the matters set forth herein.

4. I was first admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio in 1996 (Registration No. 0067337). I was admitted to the District of Columbia in 2003 (Bar No. 484246). I am also admitted to practice in the Northern District of Ohio (since 1997) and have been admitted *pro hac vice* in this matter as well as in other class action matters currently pending in Federal and State Courts across the country.

5. I am a graduate of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (J.D., 1996) and Saint Joseph's University (B.A., 1991).

6. I have been committed to protecting the rights of consumers and individuals in class actions, mass tort actions, individual representation, and shareholder advocacy for nearly three decades. I have successfully guided and represented individuals, businesses, government entities, and faith-based organizations in litigation, class action matters, consumer rights, business advisory matters, and corporate social responsibility ("CSR") stakeholder engagements and strategy.

7. Over the past nearly 29 years, I have gained substantial experience handling complex civil litigation and class action litigations.

8. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of Class Counsel Timoney Knox's firm resume. This firm resume is updated from the version attached to the Joint Declaration of Counsel in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval. *See* ECF No. 110-2 at Exhibit A.

9. As set forth in the Joint Declaration of Proposed Settlement Class Counsel in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval, I have been named class counsel or counsel of record in several cases, including cases in which we have obtained final approval. *See* ECF No. 110-2 at ¶ 30. *See also, e.g., Leverick, et al. v. Gateway Energy Services Corp.* No. 21-cv-01642 (S.D.N.Y) and accompanying State Court case, *Bell, et al. v. Gateway Energy Services*

Corp.; No. 031168/2018 (S.C.N.Y.-Rockland County); *Quezada, et al. v. Arbitersports, LLC*, No. 2:20-cv-05193-TJS (E.D.Pa.)

10. As set forth in the Joint Declaration of Proposed Settlement Class Counsel in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval, additional attorneys from Timoney Knox, including associate Andrew Knox, who is also counsel of record on this case, have also previously been named as either class counsel or counsel of record. *See, e.g.*, ECF No. 110-2 at ¶¶ 30-31.

11. Timoney Knox has maintained contemporaneous time records in this case. Since 2020, partners, and associates at Timoney Knox spent 2,706.1 hours litigating this case. In addition, paralegals and legal assistants spent 38.1 hours providing necessary case support. In my opinion, the time spent by attorneys and staff of Timoney Knox was reasonable and necessary. Indeed, by prosecuting this case purely on a contingency basis and not being paid by the hour, Timoney Knox attorneys and staff worked efficiently and avoided unnecessary work.

12. The total number of hours is based only on the hours reasonably expended to achieve an excellent result for the Class. Our firm coordinated our efforts in the litigation of this case with our co-counsel to ensure that there was no duplicative or unnecessary work. Because our firm is experienced in litigating actions of this type, we were able to efficiently divide tasks based on expertise.

13. Timoney Knox team members along with our co-counsel investigated the publicly available information concerning the Maryland Insurance Administration's (MIA) market conduct investigation into the Late Fees charged by Defendants and investigated the facts underlying the claims and liability in this action. This investigation included review of the Consent Order and underlying background information and documents made available via a Public Information Act request as well as review of the applicable Code of Maryland Regulations. We communicated with

individuals at the MIA regarding the Public Information Act request to ensure the proper documents were supplied and obtained. Further, we interviewed potential clients as well as reviewed client documentation to verify the Late Fee charges. We reviewed and analyzed similar MIA Consent Orders to understand the MIA investigative and consent order process, including analyzing typical corrective orders for Insurance Code violations. We researched applicable causes of action along with the application of the Code of Maryland Regulations to the language of the Consent Order. The substantial case vetting, including the research and document review described herein, was followed by the drafting of the Complaint that withstood Defendants' Motion to Dismiss challenges.

14. Over nearly four years of litigation, we defended three rounds of motion to dismiss briefing, which our team assisted on researching and drafting. During the pendency of Defendants' Initial motion to dismiss, Judge Messitte *sua sponte* Issued a Letter Order staying this Action pending confirmation that the MIA's administrative jurisdiction had been exhausted. ECF No. 47. Timoney Knox, along with co-counsel, researched the MIA's applicable procedures and drafted an administrative complaint on behalf of Plaintiff Black and others similarly situated. Following an exchange of letters with the MIA, it was confirmed that the MIA had exhausted its jurisdiction, so the Parties jointly moved to lift the stay, and Defendants filed a renewed motion to dismiss that still included complicated arguments regarding concurrent jurisdiction and contractual privity, amongst others. I appeared and argued on behalf of Plaintiff at that hearing, and was assisted by members of my team and co-counsel in preparing for the hearing.

15. Following decision on Defendants' second motion to dismiss, our team along with co-counsel, vetted potential economic experts and ultimately retained an expert with extensive experience in financial and forensic investigation, including evaluating multiple damages models

relating to financial institutions. This expert advised Plaintiffs' counsel as to the range of possible recoveries for the claims asserted in this action.

16. The Parties likewise began discovery following the decision on the second motion to dismiss. Timoney Knox attorneys assisted in the exchange and review of written discovery requests and production and led the efforts to meet and confer regarding the same. Attorneys from Timoney Knox likewise assisted in the preparation for the depositions of Defendants' corporate representatives, and took the depositions of Yolanda Rodriguez and Brett Shudak.

17. After concluding substantial discovery, the Parties prepared substantive mediation statements including expert calculations. Timoney Knox split responsibility for drafting this statement with co-counsel. The Parties then participated in a full day mediation before the Honorable Benson E. Legg (Ret). While the Parties did not reach an agreement to settle on the date of mediation, over the following months they continued working with Judge Legg by providing further written submissions and meeting with him regarding their positions. Timoney Knox was actively involved in this process.

18. During this time, Plaintiff amended his Complaint to add three additional Plaintiffs: Keith Barr, Wayne Best, and David Fant, Sr. These individuals contracted with the Defendant entities with whom Plaintiff Black was not in contractual privity. Defendants moved to dismiss the First Amended Complaint, and attorneys from my firm assisted in opposing Defendants' motion to dismiss.

19. Prior to the Court's decision on Defendants' third motion to dismiss, the Parties accepted a settlement recommendation by Judge Legg and notified the Court of the same on June 4, 2025.

20. Class Counsel drafted the Settlement Agreement, its exhibits and notice documents, coordinated with the Settlement Administrator, and drafted the preliminary approval documents. Attorneys from my firm assisted with these efforts.

21. Following the filing of the preliminary approval motion, the Court held a hearing on November 19, 2025. Following the hearing, Judge Griggsby issued an order granting preliminary approval of the proposed settlement.

22. Class Counsel likewise reviewed and assisted in preparing this Motion for Attorney's Fees and Service Awards and Motion for Final Approval of the Proposed Settlement.

23. The hourly rates used to calculate the fees sought for Timoney Knox range from \$250-\$755 per hour and are our regularly used rates.

24. Courts have approved our Timoney Knox rates when awarding fees in class action cases. *See, e.g., Leverick, et al. v. Gateway Energy Services Corp.* No. 21-cv-01642 (S.D.N.Y) and accompanying State Court case, *Bell, et al. v. Gateway Energy Services Corp.*; No. 031168/2018 (S.C.N.Y.-Rockland County); *Quezada, et al. v. Arbitersports, LLC*, No. 2:20-cv-05193-TJS (E.D.Pa.).

25. The reasonableness of the hourly rates sought by my firm, the other Class Counsel law firms, and the other Plaintiffs' Firms are supported by the rates charged by other firms with similar experience and expertise in the area of complex and class action litigation.

26. The hourly rates provided below in the "Ordinary Lodestar" represent Timoney Knox professional time entries from 2020 to current, applying all time entries from 2020 to present with each professional's 2025 rate which range from \$250-\$755 per hour. Also provided below is the "Fitzpatrick Matrix Lodestar" which the Local Rules of this District recognize the Fitzpatrick Matrix as a useful guideline for hourly rates. These rates are different than our Firm rates utilized

but are provided for the Court's reference. I practice law in District of Columbia, but the other professionals listed with billed time in the below chart at Timoney Knox practice in Pennsylvania:

Timekeeper	Professional status/ Law School Grad Yr.	Hours	Ordinary Lodestar with 2025 rates applied	Fitzpatrick Matrix Lodestar with 2025 rates applied
Keith Vernon	Partner/ 1996	1027.6	\$775,838.00	\$940,254.00
Scott Wolpert	Partner/1991	35.8	\$22,375.00	\$33,329.80
Andrew Knox	Associate/ 2009	1114	\$551,430.00	\$803,370.60
Kathleen Vermilion	Associate/2016	521.5	\$195,562.50	\$368,700.50
Chloe Mullen-Wilson	Associate/2019	7.2	\$2,628.00	\$3,716.60
Amie Reagan	Paralegal / NA	31.9	\$7,975	\$6,380
Legal Assistant	N/A	6.2	\$775	N/A
Timoney Knox total		2,744.2	\$1,556,583.50	\$2,250,264.30

27. Likewise hours for all Timoney Knox timekeepers by litigation phase as set forth in the following chart:

Category	Keith Vernon	Scott Wolpert	Andrew Knox	Kathleen Vermilion	Chloe Mullen-Wilson	Amie Reagan	Legal Asst.	Total Hours
Case development, background investigation and case administration	376.3	12.7	181.8	148.4	0.5	22.6	6.2	748.5
Pleadings	58.4	0	96.4	59.2	6.7	7.6	0	228.3
Interrogatories, document production, and written discovery	112.5	4.8	283	0	0	0	0	400.3

Depositions	60.2	0	74.7	0	0	0	0	134.9
Motion practice	182.9	13.9	282.6	238.5	0	1.7	0	719.6
Attending court hearings	83	0	39.4	0	0	0	0	122.4
Trial preparation and post-trial motions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attending trial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADR	147.9	4.4	139.5	75.4	0	0	0	367.2
Fee petition preparation	6.4	0	16.6	0	0	0	0	23
Total	1027.6	35.8	1114	521.5	7.2	31.9	6.2	2744.2

28. My firm carried some of the costs in this litigation—taking a substantial risk on behalf of putative class members to do so. Below is an itemized list of the unreimbursed expenses that the firm incurred in furtherance of prosecuting this litigation. These expenses are reflected in the firm’s books and records that are regularly maintained in the ordinary course of the firm’s business, and are based on the receipts and other records maintained by the firm.

Expense Category	Amount Incurred
Copying/ Printing	N/A
Court Fees and PACER (Filing fees, pro hac vice applications)	\$143.83
Legal Research	N/A
Postage	\$5.54
eDiscovery	N/A
Deposition	\$7,320.65
Travel	\$487.06
Expert and Consultant Fees	\$51,131.80

Attending trial	N/A
Mediation	\$4,661.04
Misc.	\$243.89
Total	\$63,993.81

29. In my opinion, the time expended and expenses incurred in prosecuting this action were reasonable and necessary for the diligent litigation and fair resolution of this matter. Moreover, the hours noted above does not include all of the time to be devoted to preparing for and appearing at the final approval hearing or dealing with post-hearing matters.

30. With respect to Plaintiff Black, he has been actively engaged in the litigation for nearly five years. Among other things, Plaintiff Black assisted counsel with gathering applicable statements, providing facts material to assist us in prosecuting the case, staying informed on developments in the case despite the procedural complexities, attending the hearing on Defendants' Second Motion to Dismiss, and by responding to written discovery requests. Plaintiff Black also reviewed numerous court documents and authorized their filings, regularly requested and received status updates concerning the litigation and settlement negotiations, and considered various proposed terms of the settlement and ultimately authorized Class Counsel to accept Defendants' offer of settlement.

31. With respect to Plaintiffs Barr, Best, and Fant, all three Plaintiffs have devoted significant time to prosecuting the case, including by assisting counsel with gathering applicable statements, providing facts material to assist us in prosecuting the case, and by staying informed on developments in the case and by responding to written discovery requests. Plaintiffs Barr, Best, and Fant were likewise prepared to respond to written discovery requests. All three Plaintiffs reviewed court documents and authorized their filings, regularly requested and received status updates concerning the litigation and settlement negotiations, and considered various proposed

terms of the settlement and ultimately authorized Class Counsel to accept Defendants' offer of settlement.

32. Class Counsel have not received any objection to the proposed Settlement from any Class Member.

33. Class Counsel believe that Plaintiffs' claims are strong, but recognize that those claims are subject to potential defenses and counterarguments.

34. In considering whether to recommend a settlement to Plaintiffs, Class Counsel primarily considered the strengths and weaknesses of the case without regard to Defendants' ability to pay the full amount of a greater judgment.

35. Class Counsel are unaware of any claims related to those asserted by Plaintiffs in this case that have been asserted by other classes or other claimants.

The foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Executed on March 16, 2026 in Washington, District of Columbia.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Keith T. Vernon

Keith T. Vernon



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OUR FIRM

Enduring, Evolving, & Excelling for a Century

Timoney Knox is a full-service law firm based in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania serving clients in the practice areas of wills, trusts, and estates; education law; business, corporate, and tax law; family law; zoning and municipal law; employment law; consumer protection law; and real estate law; as well as a commercial and civil litigation practice that features a team of highly experienced trial lawyers with a proven track record of success.

Enduring.

Since the firm's founding in 1921, we have maintained an enduring tradition of commitment to intellectual and professional excellence, unsurpassed integrity in the practice of law, and superior client service in Montgomery, Bucks, and Philadelphia Counties. Our success is directly related to our long-lasting relationships with our clients, built through strong personal connections, trust, accessibility, and responsiveness, as well as a deep understanding of our clients' needs and objectives.

Evolving.

We continuously and creatively adapt to meet the evolving needs of our clients and our local community, of which our firm is an integral part. We never forget that our clients, just like us, are people facing ever-changing, real-world challenges and opportunities, and we make it our top priority to help resolve their legal issues as quickly and as cost-effectively as possible.

Excelling.

We take special pride in the excellence of our first-rate attorneys and experienced staff. Our clients' many legal successes are a direct result of a high-caliber team devoted to our clients' causes.

Students' Rights | Education Law

The Education Law Group represents parents and students in education-related matters, including special education law. We work to secure appropriate educational programs for children with disabilities and help our clients obtain compensatory education, school placements, tuition reimbursement, and other available remedies. We also represent students in matters involving school bullying, discrimination, harassment, hazing, transgender rights, sexual and/or physical abuse, and student discipline.

Wills, Trusts, and Estates Law

The Wills, Trusts, and Estates Group represents individuals, families, and business owners in estate planning and the efficient transfer of assets from one generation to the next. Our attorneys have experience in federal, state, and local taxation, and provide all levels of planning to our clients, from relatively straightforward estate plans to sophisticated tax planning and structuring of transactions. We also have expertise in planning for individuals with special needs.

Business, Corporate, and Tax Law

Timoney Knox's Business, Corporate, and Tax Law Group has the knowledge, insight, perspective, and skills required to regularly assist both established and start-up companies with complex corporate and transactional matters. Our clients turn to us knowing they will receive excellent service and advice based on industry knowledge, economic factors, market opportunities, managed risk, and a comprehensive command of federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing our clients' businesses.

Commercial and Civil Litigation Law

Timoney Knox's Litigation Group will think through your case and communicate clearly with you to ensure that we effectively defend your interests before, during, and after litigation. We attend to our clients' cases with integrity and a commitment to reaching a satisfying conclusion. No matter the occasion or the methods of dispute resolution involved—in a legal filing, a courtroom, a negotiation with opposing counsel, or in arbitration or mediation—we will stand with you, think creatively about how best to advance your interests, and advocate strongly for your legal position. Our goal is to prevail and to prevail on your terms.

Family Law

Family matters are often complex. No matter the situation, you need an experienced and caring lawyer to help you understand the law, to watch out for your best interests, and to make sure your rights and responsibilities are being fairly judged. The family lawyers at Timoney Knox can help you through all aspects of separation and establishing the grounds for a divorce; child support and spousal support; custody of children; protection from abuse; equitable distribution of property; and alimony. We also can assist you with other family law issues such as child adoption, prenuptial agreements, name changes, or welcoming a new spouse or stepchildren into the family with a new will and estate planning.

Zoning and Municipal Law

Timoney Knox has deep experience representing municipal governments, townships, boroughs, water and sewer authorities, and other local agencies in matters involving the many complexities of municipal law and zoning. We understand the pressures elected officials and other municipal employees face as they make their decisions in public forums where clear communication is essential. Our experienced attorneys can help either an applicant, a planning commission, a zoning board, or elected officials come to decisions aligned correctly with the rights and responsibilities of all parties involved.

Employment Law

Timoney Knox's Employment Law Group has the expertise to meet the legal challenges faced by both employees and employers. Employees retain our services for assistance and advice on matters such as workplace conflict and terminations; discrimination claims associated with national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability; wage and hour disputes; harassment in the work place; workplace safety issues; class action litigation; salary negotiations; severance agreements; and non-competition and confidentiality agreements. We also work with employers on these same issues, including helping them navigate the complex web of federal and state laws that must be considered in hiring and firing decisions. Whatever your situation, our employment attorneys will provide successful, practical, and cost-effective solutions to meet your unique needs.

Consumer Protection

Most businesses offer their products and services in a fair and ethical manner, but unfortunately there are also times when businesses take advantage of their customers with unethical, unlawful, predatory, and deceptive business practices. The Timoney Knox Consumer Protection Group approaches each consumer issue with the overriding goal of ensuring that its clients are treated fairly and that their rights are protected. Our team of experienced lawyers will be there for every step of the process.

Real Estate Law

Timoney Knox's real estate attorneys are experienced in assisting our clients in buying and selling property; in mortgaging and borrowing against real estate; in interpreting and applying the wide variety of local land use and zoning laws; and in representing the needs and concerns of individuals, homeowners' associations, condominiums, and planned communities. We can also help you with tax assessment appeals, mortgage foreclosures, and sheriff's sales. We always strive to get an agreement all parties can live with and that appropriately addresses our clients' concerns.



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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Protecting consumers from deceptive business practices

Consumers purchase a wide range of products and services. Most businesses offer their products and services in a fair and ethical manner, but there are times when businesses take advantage of their customers with unethical, unlawful, predatory, and deceptive business practices.

Harmful, unethical, and predatory business practices used by businesses include:

- Failure to provide contractually agreed-upon services or products
- Deceptive or misleading representations of quality or performance of products or services
- Deceptive and/or unlawful Terms of Service or other policies
- Unlawful consumer late fees
- Unlawful consumer termination fees
- Deceptive fee schedules
- Unauthorized consumer transactions
- Unlawful withholding of monies or deposits
- Providing faulty or defective products which cause harm to consumers

The consequences to consumers when businesses fail to operate in good faith can be significant and, in some cases, life altering. When a consumer is harmed—regardless of whether the damage is economic or physical—the responsible party needs to be held accountable. Timoney Knox Consumer Protection Group uses a variety of legal strategies, including class action lawsuits, to get our clients relief. Our team of professionals stand ready to discuss with you all of the options for your particular matter.

The Timoney Knox Consumer Protection Group approaches each consumer issue with the primary goal of ensuring that its clients are treated fairly. Our team of experienced lawyers and professionals will be there with you for every step of the process, beginning with an initial consultation. The professionals at Timoney Knox are highly committed to protecting our clients' rights through detailed, skilled, and strategic legal counseling.

THE TEAM



Keith T. Vernon
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Areas of Practice

- Consumer Protection

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Ohio

Education

- Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, J.D., 1996
- St. Joseph's University, 1991

Honors and Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers Manual, 2009 – Present
- AV Rated, Martindale-Hubbell

Professional Associations

- District of Columbia Bar Association
 - American Bar Association
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Bio

Keith T. Vernon practices law in Washington, D.C. and oversees the Firm's Washington, D.C. office. Keith is a skilled and talented litigator and advisor with over 25 years' experience. He has successfully guided and represented individuals, businesses, government entities, trade associations and faith-based organizations in class action matters, consumer rights, business advisory matters and corporate social responsibility ("CSR") stakeholder engagements and strategy.

A 1996 Juris Doctor graduate of Loyola University School of Law, Keith has received the highest rating, AV Rated, by Martindale-Hubbell and is listed in the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers Manual from 2009 to the present.

Keith has litigated many class action cases leading to significant victories for consumers including his work against "Big Tobacco [cigarette litigation]" leading to the largest settlement in the history of our country.

Keith is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association and served on the American Bar Association Stakeholder Engagement Sub-Section. Keith also serves as a Clinic Mentor in the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Clinic.

When he is not practicing law, Keith remains active in the community. He has served on multiple Boards including as Past-President of The Friends of the Light House Shelter as well as current Board Member at Rise and Shine Bakery – a

**Community
Involvement**

- Rise and Shine Bakery,
Board Member
 - The Friends of the Light
House Shelter, Annapolis,
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workforce development training and employment program for individuals with employment barriers.



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Areas of Practice

- Commercial and Civil Litigation Law
- Education Law
- Real Estate Law
- Wills, Trusts and Estates Law

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2009
- New Jersey, 2009
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2013

Education

- Widener University School of Law, J.D., 2009
- Drexel University, BS, 2004

Honors and Awards

- Best Lawyers in America®, 2018-Present
 - Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star List 2018-2019
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Bio

Andrew Knox joined Timoney Knox as an associate in 2018 and concentrates his practice in the area of consumer protection, product liability, personal injury, medical malpractice, trust and estates litigation, municipal law as well as commercial and civil litigation.

As a member of the firms' consumer protection group, Andrew represents individuals in class action matters stemming from unethical, unlawful, predatory, and deceptive business practices. Prior to joining Timoney Knox, Andrew represented individuals in pharmaceutical and medical device mass tort cases.

While working full time, Andrew attended the evening Division of Widener University School of Law. Andrew is following in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, grandfather, father, and uncle in practicing law.

Andrew has been honored with inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® since 2018 for Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs. He was also named to the 2018-2019 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers' Rising Star list in the area of Medical Malpractice.

Andrew grew up in Philadelphia and is a lifelong resident of the area. He resides with his family in Glenside, Pennsylvania. When not practicing law, Andrew loves spending as much time as possible with his wife, children, and their two dogs.

**Professional
Associations**

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
 - Montgomery Bar Association
 - American Association for Justice
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Areas of Practice

- Consumer Protection
- Education Law
- Special Education Law
- Students' Rights

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1991
- New Jersey, 1991
- U.S. District Court District of New Jersey, 1991
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1995
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1999
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2011
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, 2015

Education

Bio

Scott H. Wolpert has been with Timoney Knox since 1992 and served as Managing Partner of the firm between 2018 and 2025. His practice focuses in the areas of special education and school law, students' rights, and employment law. He regularly handles special education administrative hearings and civil litigation in state and federal court and has extensive experience in handling legal issues involving students and schools, including claims related to special education, bullying, harassment, sexual abuse, physical abuse, compliance with federal or state laws which protect students, and discrimination occurring in schools. He is a frequent speaker in his areas of practice.

He holds a degree in political science from Ursinus College, where he was a Dean's List student and received the Truckess Prize for the study of law. Scott earned his law degree from the University of Richmond School of Law.

Active in many civic and charitable organizations, Scott served as a mock trial coach through the Pennsylvania Bar Association between 1997 and 2009 and 2019 to the present. He is a past president of the LaSalle College High School Alumni Association and is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Norwood-Fontbonne Academy. Scott previously served on the Board of

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Before joining Timoney Knox, Scott was a law clerk for The Honorable Bernard A. Moore in the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas.

Professional

Associations

- Montgomery Bar Association – Education Law Committee, Chair, 2017, 2018
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials – Director, 2019-2021

Community

Involvement

- Pennsylvania Bar Association Mock Trial Competition Coach, 1997 – 2009, 2019 – Current
- Norwood-Fontbonne Academy, Board of Advisors, 2006 – 2008, 2024- Current
- Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of Pennsylvania, Board of Directors, 2017 – 2024
- Maxwell Football Club, Board of Directors
- NCAA Division 1 Football Official, 2011 – 2018
- LaSalle High School Alumni, Board of Directors, 1997 – 2005
- LaSalle High School Alumni Board of Directors, President, 2003 – 2004

Representative Matters

- Successfully litigated a claim against a Montgomery County School District in 2018 and when a hearing officer awarded parents substantial compensatory education and private school tuition reimbursement
- Represented a class of over 100 employees in a federal class action seeking wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act that resulted in a \$4.1 million dollar settlement to class members on the eve of trial
- Represented a certified class of 539,000 sports officials and event workers in a data breach case filed in Federal Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and subject to a substantial court approved settlement in favor of the Class.
- Conducted investigations of bullying, harassment and discrimination in schools
- Successfully litigated and argued a precedent-setting case nationally regarding the applicability of a statute of limitations to a civil rights claim in the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals
- Successfully handled sexual harassment litigation on behalf of a female employee against a national apparel company which resulted in a substantial settlement prior to trial
- Conducted an extensive internal investigation of an existing public school employee's claim of discriminatory treatment in the workplace
- Successfully pursued a claim on behalf of a female executive of a national corporation who was sexually harassed by the Company's Chief Executive Officer
- Successfully litigated due process complaints at hearing, resulting in substantial settlements and/or awards
- Successfully litigated and reached a substantial settlement of a personal injury claim on behalf of an electrical contractor employee who suffered severe injuries in a forklift accident at a job site.

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- School Law Update – Private School, August 31, 2022
- “IEP Training Series for Parents: NOREPs and Prior Written Notice” – ARC of Philadelphia, March 15, 2022
- “Tuition Reimbursement Claims and Issues for Private Schools,” Presented through The Center School to Various Private School Administrators, February 10, 2022
- “Issues Related to Contractual Agreements with School Districts and Charter Schools & Due Process Hearings – ABA Support Services, January 5, 2022
- “Understanding Your Childs Educational Records” – Arc of Philadelphia, October 26, 2021
- “School Law Update,” Private School, August 30, 2021
- “Special Education Compliance for Teachers” – Kutztown University, April 1, 2021
- “Due Process Litigation Strategy,” Exceptional Children Conference, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, October 25, 2019
- “IEP and 504 Legal Workshop,” National Business Institute (NBI) in Reading PA – April 25, 2019
- “The Intersection Between Child Custody and School Law,” Montgomery Bar Association – October 29, 2018
- “School Law & Compliance Update,” Private School – August 23, 2018
- “Special Education Rights: What Parents Should Know”, Goggleworks Center for the Arts, Reading, PA, – April 30 2018
- “School Law Update,” Private School – August 30, 2017
- “IEPs and 504 Plans: A Legal Compliance Guide,” National Business Institute – December 5-6, 2016
- “Due Process Hearings: How to Pump Up Your Preparations,” Pennsylvania Bar Institute – July 21, 2016
- “Advanced Issues That Arise During a Due Process Hearing,” Exceptional Children Conference, Pennsylvania Bar Institute – October 26, 2015
- “School Law Update” – August 2015
- “Special Education Due Process Litigation,” Pennsylvania Bar Institute – March 10, 2015
- “Introduction to Special Education,” Pennsylvania Bar Institute – March 10, 2015
- “School Safety,” National Business Institute – December 8, 2014

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- "The Wish List of Parents and Schools: What Each Wants The Other To Know," Lehigh University 42nd Annual Special Education Law Conference – May 9, 2014
- "Social Skills and Compliance Under the IDEA" – April 4, 2014
- "Special Education Laws Made Simple," National Business Institute – December 6, 2013
- "Legally Defensible IEPs" – October 4, 2013
- "Employee Performance Evaluations," School Law Workshop – August 29, 2012
- "Meaningful Educational Benefit Under the IDEA," Lehigh University 40th Annual Special Education Law Conference – May, 2012
- "Special Education Due Process Practice and Procedures," National Business Institute – October 26, 2011
- "Case Law Driven IEPs," Lehigh University 39th Annual Special Education Law Conference– May 13, 2011
- "Legally Defensible IEPs," – January 24, 2011
- "Proper Documentation in Special Education" – November 17, 2010
- "Technology and Ethics in the Schools," Penn State Great Valley – Act 48 Credit Seminar For Educators– November 11, 2010
- "Special Education Settlement Agreements," Exceptional Children's Conference, Pennsylvania Bar Institute – October 15, 2010
- "Legal Issues Related To Therapeutic Support Workers," Lehigh University 38th Annual Special Education Law Conference – May 14, 2010
- "Special Education Gifted Education Under Pennsylvania Law," Exceptional Children's Conference, Pennsylvania Bar Institute – October 23, 2009
- "Section 504/Chapter 15 Compliance" – August 26, 2009
- "Successfully Handling Student Discipline" – August 18, 2009
- "Best Practices In IEP Drafting" – August 28, 2008
- "Special Education Settlement Agreements," West Legal Education – June 25, 2008
- "Special Education Settlement Agreements," National Business Institute – February 28, 2008
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- "Hot Topics In Managing And Avoiding School Liability In Pennsylvania," National Business Institute – October 14, 2004
- "Making Use Of The Rules Of Civil Procedure And Other Effective Techniques And Strategies In Defending Discovery and Trial Depositions," Montgomery County Bar Association – October 1, 2004
- "A Primer On The Fair Labor Standards Act, The New Department Of Labor Regulations & Effective Payroll Practices," Pennsylvania School Board Association – June 26, 2004
- "Employment Law Update 2004," Independence Chapter, Association of Legal Administrators – June 11, 2004
- "Liability Avoidance For Employers," Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce – May, 2000
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- "Use Of Expert Testimony In Employment Cases," Montgomery County Bar Association – 1996

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