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## **The Use of Mediation for Construction Accidents**

The percentage of plaintiffs' verdicts in Philadelphia Common Pleas Courts has decreased dramatically in 2015. It is most noticeable in construction cases. Construction cases are complex, costly and tough to win in jury trials. They usually involve multiple defendants in different disciplines and require expert testimony that is difficult to communicate to a jury. Multiple defendants may result in multiple defense experts. Additionally, because of the exposure involved, a trial will be against a top-notch defense counsel. The advantages of mediation are that you get to play a role in selecting the fact finder instead of a chance selection. It certainly is preferable to be able to select the date for the hearing rather than being subject to the dreaded phone call. Your dealings with a mediator regarding the issues of both liability and medical expenses are usually better if he or she is an experienced litigator, who is likely to be more reasonable than an autocratic judge. Most of you have suffered the anguish of trying to get an out-of-town expert into court on short notice, let alone the exorbitant cost of a live appearance instead of a well-crafted report that is readily absorbed by any mediator worth their salt. You can select a mediator with significant experience in trying construction cases whereas the average Court of Common Pleas judge may not have that specific knowledge. While it is true that representing a significantly injured plaintiff, may result in a very generous damage award by a jury; for the most part you will get a more reasonable result from a skilled mediator. [READ MORE](#)




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