

Samuel Mukiibi

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Samuel Mukiibi has been an Associate with ***Ricci Tyrrell Johnson & Grey*** since 2015. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Mukiibi served as a Judicial Fellow to the Honorable Jacqueline F. Allen and as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Edward C. Wright, both in the Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District.

Mr. Mukiibi is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law where he teaches a Justice Lawyering Seminar exploring issues on: Cross-Cultural Competence; Trauma Informed Lawyering; Access to Justice; Implicit Bias; Client Interviewing; Right to Counsel; The Public Role of Lawyers; and Social Justice Lawyering.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
 - Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Litigation Experience

- Successful Daubert challenge precluding a liability expert from claiming a defect in the engine cooling system of a vehicle, resulting in a nominal settlement of a multimillion dollar claim.
- Secured dismissal of claims of defect in the cigarette lighter circuit of a vehicle for failure to adduce evidence satisfying the prima facie elements of a circumstantial malfunction theory.
- Successful Summary Judgment on causation in the Eastern District of PA arguing that an adjacency did not cause a plaintiff to fall, break her hip, require multiple surgeries and incur \$231,635 in medical bills.
- Two successful Daubert challenges precluding plaintiff's experts for: 1) an accident reconstruction unsupported by the evidence; and 2) misrepresenting the Pennsylvania and International Building Codes.
- Secured dismissal of a Civil Rights Claim (42 U.S.C. §1983) alleging state action against a corporation.
- Summary judgment for a national retailer against allegations of the general slipperiness of the tile floor.
- Represented a national retailer in its appeal to the Philadelphia Board of License and Inspection following denial of multiple Tobacco Retailer Permits.

- Secured dismissal of a Third Circuit appeal by highlighting a procedural error in the payment of court filing fees.

Affiliations

Mr. Mukiibi is a member of The Barristers' Association of Philadelphia, a professional association which addresses the needs and development of minority lawyers in the City of Philadelphia and surrounding areas through programming, outreach and education, seminars, cultural events and publications.

Mr. Mukiibi is registered with Philadelphia VIP and regularly handles pro-bono landlord-tenant matters.

Mr. Mukiibi previously served as a co-liaison to the State Civil Litigation Committee for the Philadelphia Bar Association and as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyer's Division for the Philadelphia Bar Association.

During law school, Mr. Mukiibi volunteered pro bono at the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and Counsel (HIAS) preparing deferred action petitions for childhood arrivals.

Awards and Honors

Mr. Mukiibi was selected as a Rising Star for 2020. Rising Stars is an exclusive list of top-rated attorneys in specific practice areas who were chosen after thorough evaluation of numerous criteria.

Education

Mr. Mukiibi earned his Juris Doctor from Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law.

Mr. Mukiibi earned dual Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Maryland, College Park in Economics and Government & Politics.

Publications

- *Benjamin v. JBS S.A., et al*: An Emerging Pattern of Covid-19 Litigation, Aug., 2020
- SCOTUS To Weight General Jurisdiction For Product Manufacturers – Jan., 2020
- *Smith v. Cordero*: Juror Bias – Jan., 2020
- Post-Inspection Spoliation – Aug., 2019
- *Roverano v. John Crane, Inc.*: Junk Science – Apr., 2019
- Will Apportionment Matter?: A Question for Autonomous Vehicles – Mar., 2018
- *Pennsy Supply, Inc. v. High*: A post-*Tincher* Consumer Expectation Question –July, 2017

Personal

Born in Kampala, Uganda, Mr. Mukiibi recalls his first time seeing snow when his family moved to the United States during the winter blizzard of 1996. Mr. Mukiibi grew up in Montgomery County, Maryland, where he developed a passion for golf and basketball.

Mr. Mukiibi is the captain for the RTJG firm basketball team, the 2019 champions of the Philadelphia Lawyers Basketball League.

After college, Mr. Mukiibi traveled as a journalist writing about foreign direct investment in sub-Saharan Africa for Summit Business Review.