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Jesse obtained a B.A. in Communications in 1982 from Penn State University. In 1985 he obtained a J.D. from Duquesne University. Jesse is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, as well as the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Jesse began his legal career in 1985 as a prosecutor for the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. For ten years, Jesse worked as an Assistant District Attorney, and was responsible for investigating and prosecuting virtually every type of crime, including rape, robbery, theft, narcotics, and homicides. During his tenure at the District Attorney's Office, Jesse tried over sixty jury trials.

In 1995, Jesse was recruited by a civil defense firm, which focused on First and Third Party defense as well as insurance fraud investigations. His practice also included representing insurance companies in UM/UIM cases, and serving as Guardian *ad litem* on behalf of the Orphan's Court Division of Allegheny County. After three years as an associate, Jesse became partner in 1998. During his tenure there, Jesse tried the first insurance fraud jury trial in Allegheny County, and obtained a favorable verdict on behalf of his client.

During this time, Jesse's brother Eddie was a resident at Western State School and Hospital in Canonsburg, and Jesse saw the need for families to have more of a voice in the care and treatment of their loved ones. To that end, Jesse assisted over sixty families in obtaining guardianships for their family members at Western Center.

In 2001, Jesse formed his own firm, and continued to provide insurance defense in all phases of litigation, First and Third Party, UM/UIM, and insurance fraud investigations. Jesse also obtained guardianships for private clients and continued to serve as Guardian *ad litem* upon request by the Orphan's Court Division.

In 2007, Jesse became the Managing Attorney for an in-house law firm for AIG, responsible for assigning and reviewing cases, in addition to handling a caseload of Property, Casualty, Professional Liability, Auto, Commercial Trucking, Subrogation, and Premises Liability cases in litigation. In 2014, Jesse left AIG and worked for a year as a partner at Segmiller & Mendicino, handling both insurance defense as well as general civil litigation. In 2015 he became a partner with the Law Offices of Ciao, Torisky & O'Connor, LLC.

In addition to his legal practice, Jesse has worked as an adjunct faculty member for the Allegheny County Community College since 1986, teaching Legal Research and Writing, Advanced Legal Research and Writing, Constitutional Criminal Procedure and Criminal Law. Jesse is also an adjunct professor at Point Park University, where he teaches Criminal Law, Constitutional Criminal Procedure and the History of Organized Crime. Jesse was also an instructor at the Allegheny County Police Academy for 11 years in the subjects of Criminal Law and Search and Seizure. Jesse is also an instructor for the Judicial Training Center in Harrisburg, where he teaches magistrate in Pennsylvania in the subjects of Legal Research, Condominium and Community

Associations, and Civil Law. Jesse has presented numerous seminars through Cape Institute and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute to fellow lawyers and claims adjusters on a variety of subjects, for CLE and CE credits.

Jesse left his law practice in 2016 and became the President and CEO of the Autism Society of Pittsburgh, Inc. He is the past President of Umbrella Services for Advancing Autistic Children, Inc., the service-providing arm of the Autism Society of Pittsburgh. Jesse's emphasis is on continuing education for both professionals and lay people in all aspects of working with persons on the autism spectrum, by providing suggested methods of communication to improve the lives of those on the spectrum, their care givers, employers and co-workers.