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## **CAPTION**

William Roverano, Appellant

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John Crane, Inc., Appellee

CASE INFORMATION

Initiating Document: Order Granting Petition for Allowance of Appeal

Case Status: Closed

Journal Number: J-10B-2019 March 6, 2019

Case Category: Civil Case Type(s): Asbestos

CONSOLIDATED CASES RELATED CASES

Docket No / Reason Type

26 EAP 2018

Consolidated

**Lower Court** 

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#### SUPREME COURT INFORMATION

the Judgment of Superior Court entered on December 28, 2017 at No. Appeal From:

2847 EDA 2016 affirming in part, reversing in part and remanding the Order entered on July 27, 2016 in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Civil Division at No. 1123 March Term, 2014.

Docketed Date: Probable Jurisdiction Noted: July 31, 2018 Allocatur/Miscellaneous Granted: Allocatur/Miscellaneous Docket No.: 59 EAL 2018 July 31, 2018

Allocatur/Miscellaneous Grant Order: AND NOW, this 31st day of July, 2018, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is

GRANTED. The issues, as stated by petitioner, are:

(1) Whether, under this issue of first impression, the Superior Court misinterpreted the Fair Share Act 42 Pa.C.S. Sec. 7102 in holding that the Act requires the jury to apportion liability on a percentage basis as opposed to a per capita basis in this strict liability asbestos case?

(2) Whether, under this issue of first impression, the Superior Court misinterpreted the Fair Share Act in holding that the Act requires the jury to consider evidence of any settlements by the plaintiffs with bankrupt entities in connection with the apportionment of liability amongst joint tortfeasors?

### **FEE INFORMATION**

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## INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: Superior 2847 EDA 2016 Docket Number:

Date of Order: December 28, 2017 Rearg/Recon Disp Date:

Rearg/Recon Disposition:

Dubow, Alice B. Judge(s):

> Solano, Carl A. Ford Elliott, Kate

Intermediate Appellate Court Action: Affirmed/Reversed/Remanded

Referring Court:

### **AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION**

Court Below: Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas

County: Philadelphia Division: Philadelphia County Civil Division

Date of Agency/Trial Court Order: July 27, 2016

March Term. 2014 No. 1123 Docket Number:

DiNubile, Victor J., Jr. Judge(s): OTN:

Order Type: Order

# ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT

Original Record Item Filed Date Content/Description

Record Electronically Transmitted August 07, 2018

March 9, 2020 **Record Remittal:** 

## **BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

**Appellant Appellee** 



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## **BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

**Appellant** 

Roverano, William C.

**Brief** 

Due: October 17, 2018 Filed: October 16, 2018

**Reply Brief** 

Due: December 17, 2018 Filed: December 13, 2018

Reproduced Record

Due: October 17, 2018 Filed: October 16, 2018

**Appellant Amicus Curiae** 

**American Association for Justice** 

**Brief** 

Due: October 17, 2018 Filed: October 17, 2018

Pennsylvania Association for Justice

**Brief** 

Due: October 17, 2018 Filed: October 17, 2018 **Appellee** 

Brand Insulations, Inc.

**Brief** 

Due: November 19, 2018 Filed: November 19, 2018

John Crane, Inc.

**Brief** 

Due: November 19, 2018 Filed: November 19, 2018

**Appellee Amicus Curiae** 

Pennsylvania Defense Institute

**Brief** 

Due: November 19, 2018 Filed: November 16, 2018

Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel

**Brief** 

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The Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance

Companies



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**Appellee Amicus Curiae** 

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The Pennsylvania Coalition for Civil Justice Reform Brief

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The Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Brief

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## **SESSION INFORMATION**

Journal Number: J-10B-2019 Listed/Submitted Date: March 6, 2019

Consideration Type: Oral Argument Supreme Ct.

**DISPOSITION INFORMATION** J-10B-2019 Related Journal No: Judgment Date: February 19, 2020 Category: Decided Disposition Author: Mundy, Sallie U. Disposition: Affirmed/Reversed/Remanded Disposition Date: February 19, 2020 Dispositional Filing: **Majority Opinion** Author: Mundy, Sallie U. Filed Date: February 19, 2020 Justice: Saylor, Thomas G. Vote: Joins Vote: Justice: Baer, Max Join Majority Opinion Justice: Todd, Debra Vote: Join Majority Opinion Justice: Donohue, Christine Vote: Join Majority Opinion Justice: Dougherty, Kevin M. Vote: Join Majority Opinion Wecht, David N. Vote: Join Majority Opinion Justice: Dispositional Filing: **Concurring Opinion** Author: Wecht, David N.

Filed Date: February 19, 2020



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### **DISPOSITION INFORMATION**

Dispositional Filing: Concurring/Dissenting Opinion Author: Saylor, Thomas G.

Filed Date: February 19, 2020

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### Comments:

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August 7, 2018	Superior Court Record Electronically Transmitted		
			Superior Court of Pennsylvania
August 16, 2018	Designation of Contents of Reproduced Record		
		Appellant	Roverano, William C.
August 29, 2018	Order Exited		
			Office of the Prothonotary
August 29, 2018	Application for Extension of Time	to File Brief - First Req	uest
		Appellant	Roverano, William C.
August 29, 2018	Order Granting Application for Ex	tension of Time to File I	Brief and Reproduced Record
			Person, John W., Jr.

## Comments:

AND NOW, this 29th day of August, 2018, Appellants William and Jacqueline Roverano's Application for 30 Day Extension of Time to File Appellants Brief and Reproduced Record Unopposed is GRANTED. Appellants' Brief is due on or before October 17, 2018.

August 29, 2018	Order Exited		
			Office of the Prothonotary
October 16, 2018	Appellant's Brief		
		Appellant	Roverano, William C.
October 16, 2018	Appellant's Reproduced Record Fil	ed	
		Appellant	Roverano, William C.



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October 17, 2018	Amicus Curiae Brief		
		Appellant Amicus Curiae	Pennsylvania Association for Justice
		Appellant Amicus Curiae	American Association for Justice
	Appearance has been change from (o . Becker (Kline & Specter, PC) on 10-		"in support of the appellants"
October 22, 2018	Praecipe for Withdrawal of Appe	arance	
	Brand Insulations, Inc.	Appellee	Haase, Norman L.
October 30, 2018	Notice of Disclosure on Behalf o	f Chief Justice Saylor	
		-	Office of the Prothonotary
October 31, 2018	Notice of Disclosure on Behalf o	f Justice Mundy	
			Office of the Prothonotary
October 31, 2018	Notice of Disclosure on Behalf o	f Justice Todd	
			Office of the Prothonotary
November 12, 2018	Praecipe for Appearance		
	Brand Insulations, Inc.	Appellee	Moriarty, John Everett
November 14, 2018	Application for Admission Pro H	ac Vice of Michael A. Pollard	
	John Crane, Inc.	Appellee	Adams, William Rudolph
November 14, 2018	Order Granting Application to be	Admitted Pro Hac Vice	
			Person, John W., Jr.
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November 14, 2018	Order Exited		
			Office of the Prothonotary
November 15, 2018	Application for Admission Pro Harabara John Crane, Inc.	ac Vice of Michael C. McCutche Appellee	on Adams, William Rudolph
	John Chane, Inc.	Appellee	Auams, William Ruuulpii



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November 16, 2018	Amici Curiae Brief in Support of Appellees			
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	The Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	The Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	The Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	Pennsylvania Defense Institute	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	The Pennsylvania Coalition for Civil Justice Reform	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	The Coalition for Litigation Justice, Inc.	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	The National Association of Manufacturers	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	The American Tort Reform Association	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	The Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	The American Insurance Association	
		Appellee Amicus Curiae	The NFIB Small Business Legal Center	
November 16, 2018	Order Granting Application to be	Admitted Pro Hac Vice		
Comments:			Person, John W., Jr.	

## Comments:

AND NOW, this 16th day of November, 2018, Application of Appellee, John Crane Inc for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Michael C. McCutcheon, Esquire, is GRANTED. Michael C. McCutcheon, Esquire, is granted leave to participate pursuant to Pa. B.A.R. 301.

November 16, 2018	Order Exited		
			Office of the Prothonotary
November 19, 2018	Appellee's Brief		
		Appellee	Brand Insulations, Inc.
November 19, 2018	Appellee's Brief		
		Appellee	John Crane, Inc.
November 27, 2018	Aplts. William and Jacque	line Roverano's Appl. for 14 Da	ay Ext. of Time to File Aplts.
	Reply Brief		
		Appellant	Roverano, William C.

## Comments:

AND NOW, this 28th day of November, 2018, Appellants William and Jacqueline Roverano's Application for 14 Day Extension of Time to File Appellants Reply Brief-Unopposed is GRANTED. Appellants' Reply Brief is due on or before December 17, 2018.



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November 28, 2018	Order Granting Application for E	xtension of Time to File Brid	ef Person, John W., Jr.	
		•	eline Roverano's Application for 14 Day pellants' Reply Brief is due on or before	
November 28, 2018	Order Exited		Office of the Prothonotary	
<b>December 13, 2018</b>	Appellant's Reply Brief	Appellant	Roverano, William C.	
January 14, 2019	Acknowledgement of Argument John Crane, Inc.	Notice Appellee	Adams, William Rudolph	
January 14, 2019	Acknowledgement of Argument Brand Insulations, Inc.	Notice Appellee	Byer, Robert L.	
January 17, 2019	Acknowledgement of Argument Roverano, William C.	Notice Appellant	Rowe, Michael A.	
January 22, 2019	Acknowledgement of Argument John Crane, Inc.	Notice Appellee	Pollard, Michael A.	
February 7, 2019	Acknowledgement of Argument Roverano, William C.	Notice Appellant	Nass, Edward M.	
March 6, 2019	Argued Roverano, William C. Brand Insulations, Inc.	Appellant Appellee	Nass, Edward M. Byer, Robert L.	
February 19, 2020	Affirmed/Reversed/Remanded		Mundy, Sallie U.	

## Comments:

The decision of the Superior Court is reversed in part and affirmed in part. We conclude liability must be apportioned on a per capita basis in strict liability asbestos cases. Further, we conclude the Fair Share Act permits a trial court to transmit to the factfinder, upon appropriate requests and proofs, the question of the liability of both a bankruptcy trust that was joined as an additional defendant and a nonparty bankruptcy trust that has entered into a release with the plaintiff. Accordingly, we remand to the trial court for further proceedings consistent with this opinion.

Justices Baer, Todd, Donohue, Dougherty and Wecht join the opinion, and Chief Justice Saylor joins Part IV of the opinion.

Justice Wecht files a concurring opinion.

Chief Justice Saylor files a concurring and dissenting opinion.

February 19, 2020	Judgment Entered
-	Office of the Prothonotary
March 9, 2020	Original Record Record Remitted to Court of Common Pleas Phila County - Civil Division Office of the Prothonotary



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Philadelphia County Civil Division

## **CROSS COURT ACTIONS**

 Docket Number:
 2847 EDA 2016

 Docket Number:
 59 EAL 2018

 Docket Number:
 83 EAL 2018

 Docket Number:
 86 EAL 2018