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Lawrence “Larry” Holmes is a principal and member of the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group. Since entering private practice in 1993, he has established a track record of landmark legal successes and longstanding client partnerships — work that includes pivotal cases that have impacted Pennsylvania law. Larry focuses his practice on representing finance lease companies and other institutional clients. As a passionate advocate for his clients, he is skilled at humanizing large institutions and effectively communicating with juries and judges.

As a highly skilled litigator, Larry has successfully argued before the Superior and Supreme Courts of Pennsylvania and helped establish new insurance law in Pennsylvania. He secured a milestone victory for a finance lease company when a federal judge denied a motion to certify a class action against it as part of a claim exceeding \$37 million. In addition to defending the motion for class certification, Larry obtained summary judgment against the lessees on all claims and counterclaims. He also obtained an order that the lessees were liable, jointly, and severally, for all the leasing company's legal fees. The decision is a powerful tool for financial institutions in cases and class actions arising from program failures.

With a growing reputation as an engaging legal thought leader, Larry was appointed to the Equipment Leasing and Finance Association's (ELFA) Legal Committee for a three-year term in 2015. He has also presented numerous times at ELFA's annual Legal Forum, most recently on ethics and the general legal update at the 2024 Forum. For several years, he has presented Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE programs on insurer bad faith, and other insurance topics.

Larry received his J.D. from Villanova University School of Law and upon graduation, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Chief Justice Robert N.C. Nix, Jr. of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court — writing opinions, providing counsel, and learning the skills of passionate persuasion and respectful dissent that would inform his career.

As an elected township commissioner, and president of the Board of Commissioners, Larry exemplifies Offit Kurman's commitment to public and community service. He is currently serving his fifth term as the Sixth Ward Commissioner of Haverford Township, Delaware County, PA, where he has resided with his family for over two decades.

Services

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Litigation
- Defamation

Representative Matters

- In a landmark case, successfully represented a leasing company in opposition to class certification in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania—obtaining summary judgment against lessees on all claims and counterclaims, which held the lessees responsible, jointly, and severally, for all legal fees.
- Obtained a jury verdict for the defense for a finance leasing company in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland after a two-week trial for fraud.
- For a decade, practiced in tax-exempt bond transactions, representing numerous private and public entities as bond counsel for industrial development and general obligation tax-exempt bonds.

Larry frequently has frequently spoken on various topics for over a decade to many audiences including the Insurance Society of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Bar Institute and numerous legal forums and CLEs.

Education

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (J.D.)
- Georgetown University (B.A.)
 - Economics

State Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Elected and re-elected as Sixth Ward Commissioner of Haverford Township, Delaware County, PA
- Urban League of Philadelphia, General Counsel and Board of Directors, 2017 - 2022
- Legal Committee, Equipment Leasing and Finance Association, Member, 2015 - 2018
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Chief Justice Robert N. C. Nix, Jr., Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 1991- 1993

Recognitions

- Legal 500 Philadelphia Elite for Commerical Litigation, 2025

Publications & News

February 25, 2026

Four Offit Kurman Attorneys Recognized by Legal 500 City Elite

June 25, 2025

Legal 500 US Elite Recognizes Offit Kurman Attorneys and IP Practice in Philadelphia

June 16, 2025

Allyship in Action with Lawrence Holmes

December 5, 2024

Offit Kurman Secures Third Circuit Reversal in Significant Case on Attorney-Client Privilege

May 1, 2024

Larry Holmes to Present at the Equipment Leasing and Finance Association 2024 Legal Forum

November 10, 2022

Offit Kurman Names Three Principals to Practice Group Leader Roles

Featured Works

Speaking Engagements

- "Current Issues, Causes, Statutes and Other Developments in the Leasing Industry," Equipment Leasing Finance Association Legal Forum, May 3, 2026
- "Ethics Issues: You Want Me to Do What?- The Tightrope Walk Between Ethics Obligations and Client Demands," Presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal Forum, Scottsdale, AZ, May 2025
- "Legal Update 2024," Presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal Forum, Scottsdale, AZ, May 2024
- "Ethics Issues for Equipment Finance Lawyers," Presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal Forum, Fort Meyers, FL, May 2023
- "Legal Update 2023: Vendor Failure," Presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal Forum, Fort Meyers, FL, May 2023
- "Ethics Issues for Equipment Finance Lawyers," Presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal Forum, Washington, DC, May 2022
- "Legal Update 2018: News from the legal front- guaranteed not to be fake," Presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal Forum, Washington, DC, May 2018
- "Legal Update 2017: Avoiding the Gators, Sinkholes, and Hurricanes of the Law," Presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal Forum, St. Peter's Beach, FL, May 2017
- "Legal Update 2016: A Cable Car Ride Through the Highs and Lows of the Year," Presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal Forum, San Francisco, CA, May 2016
- "Legal Developments and Current Trends in the Law 2015: How to Avoid the Ring of Fire," Presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal

Forum, Nashville, TN, May 2015

- "Friendly Fire and Family Feuds: Internecine Conflicts between and among Leasing Companies, Vendors and Manufacturers," Presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal Forum, Nashville, TN, May 2015
- "An Insurer's Counsel's Perspective on Discovery Strategies," Presenter, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, December 2014
- "Legal Developments and Current Trends 2014: Circle the Wagons Around the Latest in the Law," Presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal Forum, Fort Worth, TX, May 2014
- "Welcome to Your New Job: Ethical Issues in Employment Exits," Co-Presenter, Insurance Society of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, May 2014
- "Offense for Defense: Addressing Programmatic Failures," Co-presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association Annual (ELFA) Legal Forum, Charleston, SC, May 2013
- "Bad Faith Claims Litigation: The Impact of Claims Handler v. Attorney Determination on the Applicability of Attorney-Client and Work Product Privilege," Presenter, Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Presentation, Philadelphia, PA, December 2012
- "Bad Faith Claims Litigation: Discovery Issues, Post-Litigation Conduct and Abuse of Process," Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Presentation, Philadelphia, PA, May 2011
- "Millions in Defense, Not One Penny in Tribute – Defending a Commercial Fraud Case," Co-presenter, Equipment Leasing and Financing Association (ELFA) Annual Legal Forum, Scottsdale, AZ, May 2011
- "Defending Commercial Fraud," Co-presenter, The Legal Intelligencer CLE presentation, November 2010