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Linda Varrenti Hernandez is Of Counsel for Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. She concentrates her practice in the area of school defense including Due Process hearings and federal litigation. In addition, she also handles matters with a particular emphasis in insurance defense.

Ms. Hernandez participated in the inaugural year-long *Lawyers on Loan* program sponsored in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership. This is a pro bono initiative whereby an experienced attorney is "on loan" to Neighborhood Legal Services Association, while still a member of the law firm. This service provides needed support to an agency that has experienced significant budget cuts and yet continually serves the needs of the economically deprived in our community. She spent a year being trained by the Women and Girls Foundation for their Catapult program and is able to counsel other women in the art of negotiation.

Practice Focus

- Education Law
- Insurance Law and Litigation

Speaking Engagements

- "How to Play TAG and Not be IT" (Co-Speaker), program for nursing home administrators and directors of nursing, 3/27/2014
- "Fundamentals of Family Law" (Co-Presenter), Pennsylvania CLE, 6/16/2011
- "Medicare Compliance: How It Affects Attorneys and Their Clients Involved in Litigation" (Co-Presenter), Pennsylvania CLE, 8/27/2009
- "Are You Ready for July 1, 2009?" (Co-Speaker), 4/15/2009 webcast
- "Understanding the Impact of the SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 on Your Business" (Co-Speaker), 1/14/2009 webinar
- "Medicare Enforcing Their Statutory Provision: Learn How to Protect Yourself and Your Company Now that Medicare Set-Asides are Required for Liability Cases as well as Workers' Compensation Cases" (Co-Presenter), 10/17/2007 seminar
- Frequent lecturer/presenter on innovative pro bono partnerships

Publications

- Has written in various publications, including *Juris* (Duquesne Law School's magazine), about the Certification process in Pennsylvania courts

Admissions and Licenses

- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association (Gender Equality Committee Coordinator 2008–2011 and Institute for Gender Equality)
- Defense Research Institute
- Pennsylvania Bar Association (Women in the Profession Commission and Guardian ad Litem through Pro Bono Partnership's Custody Program)
- Pittsburgh Technology Council
- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (Board of Directors)
- Women and Girls Foundation ("Art of Justice" honoree 2009)

Community Involvement

- Child Watch of Pittsburgh (Board of Directors)
- Gwen's Girls' (President of Board of Directors)
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – Western Pennsylvania Chapter (Board of Directors)
- Neighborhood Legal Services (Protection From Abuse Project)

Education

- Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University, J.D. (2001); Outstanding Female Graduate Awardee; recipient of CALI Excellence for the Future Award® in Business Planning
- West Virginia University, B.A. (1981), Political Science, History, and Business