

## BRITTANY E. BAKSHI

SHAREHOLDER



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Automobile Liability  
Premises & Retail Liability  
Product Liability  
Property Litigation  
General Liability

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### ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania  
2011

U.S. District Court Western District  
of Pennsylvania  
2011

U.S. District Court Middle District  
of Pennsylvania  
2015

### EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh School of  
Law (J.D., 2011)

Franklin & Marshall College (B.A.,  
2008)

### HONORS & AWARDS

The Best Lawyers: Ones to  
Watch®, Personal Injury Litigation  
- Defendants  
2024

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers  
Rising Star  
2019-2023

### OVERVIEW

Brittany has developed valuable litigation experience in several defense practice areas including personal injury, automobile liability, premises liability, property damage and products liability as a member of the Casualty Department. Through her practice, Brittany has represented a variety of clients, including contractors, non-profit organizations, corporations, small businesses and individuals.

Within her diverse practice, Brittany has taken cases to trial, arbitration, and magistrate court and obtained favorable results at all levels. Moreover, she has resolved numerous cases through effective settlement negotiations and mediation. Brittany has represented clients in both state and federal courts.

Brittany earned her *juris doctor* in 2011 from The University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Brittany attended Franklin and Marshall College where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 2008.

### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

#### **Appellate Court Affirms Trial Court's Grant of Summary Judgment to Defendant, Finding that Plaintiff Failed to Vault the Verbal Threshold to Recover Damages under New Jersey's Automobile Insurance Cost Recovery Reduction Act.**

**Harrisburg**  
**Automobile Liability**  
**January 1, 2024**

This case arose from a motor vehicle accident in which the plaintiff had a green light when her car was struck by the defendant's car. The plaintiff sustained numerous physical injuries. Case Law Alerts, 1st Quarter, January 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

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## ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Dauphin County Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Pennsylvania State Bar

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## YEAR JOINED

2015

### **Court Denies Transfer of Venue, Finding the Claimed Inconvenience in Pre-trial Discovery Is Alleviated by Advanced Communications Technology and Can Be Handled Remotely by Technology Such as Zoom.**

**Harrisburg**  
**Automobile Liability**  
**January 1, 2024**

In support of their forum non conveniens transfer request, the defendants submitted affidavits from the driver of the tractor-trailer and the employer's transportation superintendent stating that the litigation and trial of the case in La Case Law Alerts, 1st Quarter, January 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

### **Court Reversed Summary Judgment on Defendant's Liability, Finding the Passenger of a Leading Vehicle Failed to Establish Entitlement to Judgment as a Matter of Law on the Trailing Driver's Negligence.**

**Harrisburg**  
**Automobile Liability**  
**January 1, 2024**

The plaintiff was a passenger in a vehicle which collided with a vehicle operated by the defendant, who had accelerated at a high speed and crossed the double yellow line to pass the leading vehicle on the left while it was turning left. Case Law Alerts, 1st Quarter, January 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

### **Denial of Summary Judgment Affirmed as the Emergency Doctrine Did Not Bar Plaintiff's Recovery and the Severity of Plaintiff's Injury Was an Issue of Fact.**

**Harrisburg**  
**Automobile Liability**  
**January 1, 2024**

The plaintiff sought damages for injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident allegedly caused by the defendant. Case Law Alerts, 1st Quarter, January 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

### **Summary Judgment for Defendants Reversed on the Basis that Defendants Failed to Make a Prima Facie Showing that They Did Not Breach a Duty Owed to Plaintiff.**

**Harrisburg**  
**Automobile Liability**  
**January 1, 2024**

The plaintiff alleged she sustained injuries while attempting to board a vehicle. She claimed that, as she stepped off the curb into the street, she tripped on a bulge in the street between the curb and the vehicle. Case Law Alerts, 1st Quarter, January 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

## RESULTS

### A 'Beaut' of a Premises Liability Claim

#### **Premises & Retail Liability**

**May 11, 2017**

We successfully defended a premises liability claim at arbitration on behalf of a beauty supply retailer. The plaintiff was a patron of the store, which sold wigs and assorted beauty products. While sitting at a vanity trying on a wig, a five-foot hollow pole used to grab wigs from higher shelves moved from its resting position against a wall. The pole, weighing less than one pound, allegedly struck the plaintiff on her forehead and then her right hand. The plaintiff claimed she sustained a concussion and permanent disability in her right index finger.

### Plaintiff's Ski Collision Claim Goes Downhill

#### **Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability**

**May 11, 2017**

Obtained summary judgment in a skiing collision case, successfully arguing that the plaintiff assumed the risk of his injury by engaging in the sport of downhill skiing. The plaintiff, a ski instructor, claimed that while he was skiing on a lower trail, our client was recklessly skiing at an excessive speed down an upper trail when the two collided. There was no evidence that our client was skiing recklessly or speeding just prior to the collision.

#### **SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

Obtained a defense verdict following a trial in a matter where the plaintiff sustained personal injuries following a slip and fall on snow and ice.

Successfully obtained dismissal of clients from premises liability and personal injury lawsuits after the Court's favorable rulings on Motions for Summary Judgment.

Obtained a client's dismissal in a matter following the Court's entry of a favorable ruling on Preliminary Objections to the Plaintiff's Complaint.

Defense verdicts at the arbitration and magistrate levels in personal injury, property damage and premises liability matters.