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Jahlee is a member of the Professional Liability Department where he focuses his practice in the areas of employment law, civil rights, and municipal liability. Jahlee has represented public and private employers in wrongful discharge, employment discrimination and defamation claims from administrative proceedings through trial. In addition, Jahlee has provided guidance and advice to employers concerning employment-related matters.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Jahlee was an Attorney Advisor for a municipal police department where he was accountable for their Office of Professional Responsibility. In that capacity, Jahlee guided the department on issues concerning labor relations, contract disputes, defensive litigation and internal affairs investigations and drafted policies and procedures. He also worked as a Prosecutor in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. There, Jahlee prosecuted dozens of jury trials and hundreds of bench trials. In addition, he was assigned to the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) which investigated and prosecuted cases that involved public corruption and police misconduct.

Jahlee is very active within his community as demonstrated through his several prominent leadership roles in Philadelphia non-profit organizations and legal associations. An alumnus of Leadership Philadelphia, Jahlee previously served as Chair of the Citizen's Police Oversight Commission, and he currently sits on two non-profit boards including the Philadelphia City Institute and the Board of Trustees for the Independence Charter School West and is a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Board of Governors. He is a Past President of the Barristers' Association of Philadelphia. Notably, Jahlee was recognized by *The Philadelphia Tribune* as one of Philadelphia's most influential African Americans.

Jahlee received his *juris doctor* from Widener University School of Law, where he was a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution team. In addition, Jahlee was a part of Widener's Frederick Douglas Mock Trial team and won the Philadelphia regional

Practices

- Public Entity & Civil Rights Litigation
- Employment Law

competition. Jahlee has a Master's Degree in Organizational Development and Leadership and graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Based upon his experience and skill, Jahlee was admitted to the United States Supreme Court Bar in 2024. He is also admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Education

- Saint Joseph's University (M.S., *summa cum laude*, 2021)
- Widener University Delaware Law School (J.D., 2012)
- Temple University (B.A., 2009)

Admissions

- New Jersey, 2012
- Pennsylvania, 2012
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2022
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2024

Honors & Awards

- Philadelphia Tribune's Most Influential African American (2022)

Associations & Memberships

- Barristers' Association of Philadelphia
- Independence Charter School West, Board of Trustees, 2022-present
- Philadelphia Bar Association, Board of Governors; member, Diversity in the Profession Committee

Thought Leadership

January 1, 2026

No Relation Back: District Court Bars Substitution of John Doe Defendants After Statute of Limitations in § 1983 Opiate Withdrawal Death Case

December 1, 2025

A Shift in Wrongful Incarceration and Malicious Prosecution Lawsuits: Multi-Million Dollar Settlements Turned into Case Dismissals