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Jill Hallihan is a shareholder in the firm's Casualty Department, where she focuses her practice on general liability defense, including product liability, auto liability, and premises liability matters. She has successfully argued motions and tried cases to verdict in both state and federal courts. Prior to joining the firm, Jill spent over 17 years as house counsel for a major insurance company, where she led the defense of complex fraud cases.

She also has significant employment law experience representing clients in both federal and state courts, and before administrative agencies. In this capacity Jill defends claims involving discrimination, retaliation, sexual harassment, wrongful termination, family and medical leave laws, breach of contract, defamation, and related workplace torts.

Jill earned her juris doctor from Quinnipiac University School of Law in 2001, where she received the Dean's Award and served as Vice President of the Moot Court Honor Society. She holds a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University.

She is admitted to practice in Connecticut and before the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Education

- Quinnipiac University School of Law (J.D., 2001)
- Syracuse University (B.A., 1998)

Admissions

- Connecticut, 2001
- U.S. District Court District of Connecticut, 2003
- U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit

Practices

- Product Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Premises & Retail Liability
- Employment Law

Honors & Awards

- Connecticut Super Lawyers Rising Star (2013)

Associations & Memberships

- Connecticut Bar Association
- New Haven County Bar Association

Significant Representative Matters

- Obtained a defense verdict for a landlord in a premises liability case involving claims of negligence and recklessness related to the maintenance of an exterior two-story stairway railing, which the tenant alleged splintered and caused a carpal tunnel injury.
- Secured a defense verdict for a driver sued by a pedestrian who alleged he fell after observing the defendant's vehicle approach and stop at the curb following a collision with a mail truck that had failed to stop at a stop sign. The plaintiff, who had undergone a third cervical fusion surgery just one month prior, claimed the incident necessitated three additional fusion surgeries.
- Summary judgment in favor of a driver and the owner of the motor vehicle after a pedestrian ran out into a dark intersection. The defendant driver had the green light and no reason to anticipate that a pedestrian would cross four lanes of traffic and walk into his vehicle. The Plaintiff did not present any evidence to contradict the defendant driver's affidavit.
- Summary judgment upheld the granting of summary judgment on appeal where the Plaintiff failed to file the complaint within the statute of limitations after filing a pre-judgment remedy action for the serious injuries sustained by the Plaintiff driver for the motor vehicle accident.