

# Nadia Elizabeth Niazi

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Nadia is a shareholder in the firm's Casualty Department where she handles all areas of general liability and medical malpractice defense litigation. She is a passionate advocate and an experienced litigator who represents her clients vigorously through all stages of litigation. She has experience in a wide range of matters including personal injury, premises liability, retail liability, automobile liability, recreation liability, and representing physicians and hospitals through all phases of litigation. These cases range from slip and falls, property damage, motor vehicle accidents, construction defects to professional liability matters involving major healthcare facilities/workers. Nadia has brought cases to successful resolution through trial, mediation, arbitration, and motion practice.

Nadia began her career with an insurance defense firm in Westchester County after successfully completing a law school internship with the firm. Through this position, Nadia obtained critical training from the insurance defense perspective. Thereafter, Nadia worked with another well known Westchester County firm specializing in class action litigation where she honed her federal practice skills. In that position, Nadia successfully defeated many F.R.C.P. 12(b)(6) motions to dismiss and participated in lengthy arbitration hearings, representing underpaid workers against a nationally recognized pizza franchise who were in violation of state minimum wage laws.

Nadia mainly practices in the New York City metropolitan area, Rockland, Orange and Putnam counties in both state and federal courts.

Raised in Westchester County and currently residing in New Rochelle, Nadia remains an active member of her community. After graduating from Iona College, she spent several years serving as an assistant coach to the college's Mock Trial team where she helped college students develop their litigation and oral argument skills. During her tenure at Iona, Nadia was a member of the Mock Trial team, where she participated in various national competitions against Ivy league colleges, such as Yale and Harvard, and during these tournaments earned numerous individual achievement awards.

## Practices

- General Liability
- Construction Injury Litigation
- Premises & Retail Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Trucking & Transportation Liability
- First-Party Property
- Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability
- Medical Malpractice
- Fraud/Special Investigation

Nadia recently organized two successful toy drives for the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla, New York and the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York. Through these toy drives, Nadia raised thousands of dollars in monetary donations to benefit the families whose children were in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and over 750 individual toys to be donated among the hospitals' inpatients. These donation drives were particularly near and dear to Nadia's heart, as her daughter spent several months as a NICU patient at Morgan Stanley. Nadia looks forward to making this an annual holiday tradition with the assistance of her Marshall Dennehey Westchester County colleagues as well as her New Rochelle community.

## Education

- The Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University (J.D., *cum laude*, 2013)
- Iona University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2010)

## Admissions

- New York, 2014
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York, 2016
- U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, 2016

## Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2022-2025)
- Hudson Valley Magazine, Top Lawyer (2022)

## Classes / Seminars Taught

- *Northeastern Casualty and Worker's Compensation Litigation Trends*, Marshall Dennehey Client Seminar, June 2024.

## Significant Representative Matters

- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of the owner, dismissing plaintiff's case in a snow and ice slip and fall action, where the plaintiff failed to establish creation or notice, and therefore, could not prove any negligence on the part of the condominium.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of the owner, a condominium unit, dismissing two infant plaintiffs' negligence claims who were involved in a cycling accident on the property. This was a high exposure case which verdict value exceeding the seven-figure range based upon the injuries sustained and the condominium unit was the only "deep pocket" among the named defendants. After completing discovery, we moved for summary dismissal on behalf of the condominium unit arguing that the condominium unit did not owe a duty to plaintiffs under the facts alleged, no defective condition existed to impose a finding of negligence against them, and further argued plaintiffs failed to prove creation and notice. In a thorough decision, the Court concurred with our arguments and dismissed the claims entirely against the condominium owner.
- Obtained summary judgment dismissing plaintiff's claims against a homeowner's association following a trip and fall in a concealed pit after the plaintiff walked through a construction zone. We obtained summary dismissal of this case based upon plaintiff's failure to prove creation or notice on behalf of the HOA. This case was

appealed by plaintiff to the Second Department. We appeared on behalf of the HOA for oral argument before the Second Department in December of 2019, where she led the defendants in opposing plaintiff's appeal. In July 2020, the Second Department rendered a decision which upheld the lower court and affirmed the summary dismissal of plaintiff's complaint against the HOA.