

# Neda Salamzadeh

Associate

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Neda is a member of the firm’s Casualty Department, primarily focusing on defending insurance carriers in personal injury protection claims and fraud investigations. She handles matters involving both medical provider fraud and intentional/staged losses and participates in Examinations Under Oath relating to specific claims and broader SIU investigations. Neda routinely handles first-party auto insurance claims, fraud/special investigations, affirmative litigation recovery actions, RICO matters, and commercial and personal trucking and vehicle accident cases on both the traditional casualty and SIU side.

Neda was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota, before attending the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, a minor in Criminal Justice, and earned Dean’s List honors. She later moved to New York to pursue her legal education at Brooklyn Law School, where she received her *juris doctor* in 2024.

While in law school, Neda served on the Executive Board of Brooklyn Law School’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Honor Society. She competed in the St. John’s FINRA Triathlon Competition, where her team won the mediation round. Neda also coached the winner of the University of Houston Law Center National Mediator Competition and coached the team awarded “Best Opening Statements” at the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition in Paris, France.

In addition, Neda served as President of First-Generation Professionals, an organization dedicated to providing resources and opportunities to first-generation immigrants, first-generation college and professional students, and first-generation lawyers.

Outside of work, Neda enjoys live music, cooking with friends, traveling, and spending time with her loved ones.

## Practices

- Fraud/Special Investigation
- Personal Injury Protection (PIP) Litigation
- Trucking & Transportation Liability

Neda is admitted to practice in the State of New York.

## **Education**

- Brooklyn Law School (J.D., 2024)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.A., 2020)

## **Admissions**

- New York, 2025
- U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, 2025
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York, 2025

## **Associations & Memberships**

New York Bar Association

## **Representative Cases & Matters**

Successfully opposed plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and obtained leave to assert fraud counterclaims in a suspected staged accident case arising from a rear-end collision on I-278 in Brooklyn. Defendants contended plaintiff intentionally stopped short after closely following another vehicle, resulting in the collision. Subsequent investigation revealed numerous fraud indicators and inconsistencies, including conflicting accident locations, questionable residency information, inconsistent testimony, connections to other suspicious claims referred to the NICB, alleged treatment with RICO-linked providers, and overlapping phone numbers and addresses tied to related claims. Following oral argument on May 19, 2026, the Court granted defendants' motion to amend the answer to assert fraud counterclaims and denied plaintiff's motion for a protective order, requiring production of litigation funding documents. Defendants relied on Lituma in support of their position regarding discoverability of the litigation funding materials. Earlier, the Court denied plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, finding defendants had raised triable issues of fact regarding the legitimacy of the claim.

Successfully obtained an order precluding plaintiffs from offering liability expert testimony at trial and securing a negative inference charge based on spoliation of evidence in a disputed rear-end collision case arising from an accident on I-495. Plaintiffs alleged they were rear-ended while traveling on the highway, while defendants-maintained plaintiffs abruptly cut in front of the insured vehicle and slammed on the brakes, making the collision unavoidable. Despite multiple preservation notices, discovery demands, deficiency letters, and a court order directing compliance, plaintiffs failed to preserve the subject vehicle and its electronic data, including EDR and video recorder information. Plaintiffs later disclosed the vehicle had been traded in and the plates voluntarily surrendered. Defendants moved for dismissal based on spoliation of critical evidence, arguing the unavailable vehicle data was central to resolving the parties' conflicting accounts of the accident and substantially prejudiced the defense. The court granted the motion in part, issuing a negative inference charge against plaintiff vehicle owner and precluding all plaintiffs from offering liability expert testimony at trial.

## **Community Service**

Volunteer with Access Justice Brooklyn at the Consumer Debt Clinic located within the Civil Court of Kings County.