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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 & Marshall College where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 2008.

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law (J.D., 2011)
- Franklin & Marshall College (B.A., 2008)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2011
- U.S. District Court Western District of Pennsylvania, 2011
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania, 2015

Representative Cases & 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

Practices

- Automobile Liability
- Premises & Retail Liability
- Product Liability
- First-Party Property
- General Liability

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.

Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2026-2027)
- The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2024-2025)
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star (2019-2026)

Associations & Memberships

- Dauphin County Bar Association
 - Pennsylvania Bar Association
 - Pennsylvania State Bar
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Results

Summary Judgment Obtained in a Pennsylvania Trip-and-Fall Case

We obtained summary judgment for residential renters in a trip-and-fall case. The plaintiff tripped and fell on a set of porch steps at our clients' home while attending a barbeque, breaking her ankle. She brought claims against the homeowner. The homeowner then joined our clients, asserting claims of negligence and contractual indemnity under the lease agreement. During her deposition, the plaintiff testified that she was familiar with the poor condition of the steps, had spoken with the renters about the steps prior to her fall, and witnessed two people, an adult and a child, trip on the steps during the same barbeque event. The homeowner also testified at his deposition that it was his responsibility to repair and maintain the subject stairs. We argued that our clients were not required to indemnify the homeowners under the Perri-Ruzzi rule, and that they owed no duty to the plaintiff, a licensee, as she knew of the condition of the steps and the risks involved in using them. The court agreed and dismissed all claims against the clients.

Summary Judgment Secured in Slip and Fall Case

We obtained summary judgment on behalf of a university in a slip and fall case. The plaintiff, a university student, slipped and fell during an active winter storm as she was walking from one campus building to another. Discovery showed that the plaintiff received an emergency alert from the university warning of potentially icy conditions prior to exiting the building and that freezing rain was still falling as the plaintiff was walking. We argued, and the court agreed, that the university owed no duty to the plaintiff to protect against general slippery conditions or to pretreat sidewalks prior to, during or immediately after the storm.

Defense Verdict Secured in a Three-Vehicle Accident in Pennsylvania

We obtained a defense verdict following a compulsory arbitration in a motor vehicle pileup. The plaintiff alleged that while she was stopped in traffic, the co-defendant's vehicle rear ended her, pushing her into the vehicle in front of her. To the contrary, the co-defendant contended that our client caused the entire accident by being the first to rear-end his vehicle, pushing him into the plaintiff's vehicle just once. Despite the conflicting testimony, we convinced the arbitration panel that, although our client was involved in the accident, the plaintiff testified the first strike she felt from the co-defendant's vehicle was harder, and that the impact caused by her client's vehicle was minimal due to the lack of damage to her vehicle. The arbitration panel assigned no liability to our client.

Thought Leadership

July 21, 2026

Court Allows Recklessness and Punitive Damages Claims to Proceed After Work-Zone Crash

July 20, 2026

Commonwealth Court Affirms Defense Verdict for SEPTA, Clarifies Limits of the Jerk-and-Jolt Doctrine

July 20, 2026

Court Finds Defendant Liable for Improper Left Turn and Allows Plaintiff's Cervical Spine Serious-Injury Claim to Proceed

July 20, 2026

Appellate Division Reinstates Vicarious Liability Claims, Rejects Graves Amendment Defense

July 20, 2026

Court Finds Facial Disfigurement and Vision Restriction Sufficient in E-Bike Collision Case

July 20, 2026

New Jersey Supreme Court Affirms Bar on Future Medical Expenses Collectible Under PIP

July 20, 2026

Appellate Division Upholds \$250K Verdict, Rejects Challenges to Exemplar Video and Summation Conduct

October 1, 2025

Pennsylvania Trial Court Holds Plaintiff's Amended Complaint in Motor Vehicle Injury Case Met Specificity Requirements Under Pa. R.C.P. 1028(a)(3)

October 1, 2025

Luzerne County Court Denies Amendment to Add Punitive Damages for Post-Incident Conduct in Dog-Bite Case

October 1, 2025

New York Appellate Division Grants Summary Judgment, Holding Driver With Right-of-Way Not Comparatively Negligent in Police Pursuit Collision

October 1, 2025

New York Appellate Division Reverses, Holding Biomechanical Expert Testimony on Causation Supports Summary Judgment Dismissing Motor Vehicle Injury Claim

October 1, 2025

New York Appellate Division Affirms Denial of Summary Judgment, Holding Emergency Doctrine Does Not Eliminate Fact Issue on Reasonableness of Defendant's Speed in Snowstorm Collision

July 1, 2025

Superior Court Reverses Verdict, Orders New Trial for Pain and Suffering and Loss of Consortium in Amputation Case

July 1, 2025

Appellate Court Affirms Denial of New Trial, Finds Mockler Instruction Proper in Wet Roadway Collision Case

July 1, 2025

Appellate Court Affirms Wrongful Death Verdict, Upholds Damages for Pre-Impact Terror, Pain and Suffering, and Economic Loss