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Evan is an associate in the Casualty Department, where he focuses in the areas of premises liability, construction injury, product liability, transportation, and general liability.

Evan gained invaluable legal experience through his 2018-2021 internship with the Honorable Richard A. Lloret of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. After serving as legal intern during his 1L summer, Evan was invited to remain in chambers with Judge Lloret throughout the remainder of his law school tenure. There, Evan drafted several habeas corpus and helped facilitate settlement conferences and arbitrations.

Before attending law school, Evan worked as a private intelligence analyst for a security consulting firm, serving as head analyst for several Fortune 500 companies.

As an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania, Evan had the invaluable experience of interning at the Israeli Embassy in Washington D.C., where he conducted research pertaining to the World Bank, national aid agencies, and international private sector projects concerning water and agriculture.

Evan is an editorial contributor to the Times of Israel, writing columns pertaining to geopolitics and international relations, including an article selected as a top-featured editorial.

Prior to attending university, Evan served as a sergeant in the Paratrooper Brigade of the Israeli Defense Forces.

Education

- Rutgers Law School (J.D., 2021)
- University of Pennsylvania (B.A., *cum laude*, 2016)

Practices

- Premises & Retail Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Product Liability
- Trucking & Transportation Liability
- Social Services & Human Services Liability

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2021

Representative Cases & Matters

- Successfully concluded a three-day trial in a premises liability matter in Philadelphia County. The matter focused on slip-and-fall allegations in the lobby of the claimant's former residence. The claimant specifically alleged an accumulation of water in the lobby before the time of the fall and thereafter underwent surgery (surgical arthroscopy of the left ankle with extensive debridement). Allegations of negligence against our client consisted of failure to maintain the lobby in a safe and reasonable manner. The last demand before trial was \$240,000.00, while the last offer was \$15,000.00. After three (3) days, the jury awarded Plaintiff a mere \$45,000.00, almost all of which was to be paid toward expert retention and Plaintiff's medical lien (over \$26,000.00).
- Secured a unanimous defense verdict in a Philadelphia County premises liability jury trial involving allegations of a defective sidewalk condition and a demand of \$875,000. Following a three-day trial, the jury found in favor of the defense, determining that the client was not liable for the plaintiff's alleged injuries.
- Our motion for summary judgment was granted, in part, in a Philadelphia jury case where our client was driving his company's car. Evan argued on behalf of the corporate entity that, despite the fact that our client was driving a company car and his job consisted of travel, he was not in the course and scope of his employment at the time of the accident. For the loss of consortium claim, Evan argued the plaintiff had not provided evidence of record to support this claim. Therefore, the loss of consortium claims were also dismissed.
- Successfully obtained dismissal of their client in a death-from-food-poisoning and hepatitis A case. The plaintiff, the executrix of the Estate of Alfred Neeld, alleged that Mr. Neeld passed away due to an outbreak of hepatitis A in southeast Pennsylvania, which was widely covered by the news at the time. The plaintiff, who claimed that Mr. Neeld passed away after eating at Gino's Pizzeria and Ristorante, was seeking several million dollars from every food provider that served the restaurant, including our client. Fortunately, the plaintiff stipulated to our dismissal.
- Secured a defense verdict in a hotly contested slip and fall case with Simon and Simon where the plaintiff admitted on cross to lying under oath. The plaintiff's demand was \$800,000 before being remanded to arbitration.
- Successfully argued a motion for summary judgment on a major jury case where we represented a tenant shop owner. The plaintiff opposed our motion, alleging, inter alia, serious injuries to a shoulder and surgery. There were many moving pieces in this case, including indemnity issues, an alleged triple net lease and joinder after the statute of limitations. The plaintiff tripped and fell on a sidewalk that was under repair outside our client's store. We were joined by the original defendant, the landlord. We argued the plaintiff had no direct cause of action against us as we were joined after the statute of limitations; there was no evidence of record of our involvement as plaintiff did not visit our store; we were not responsible for the sidewalk repair; and the original defendant landlord was responsible for the sidewalk in question as the lease was ambiguous as to who was responsible for external repairs.
- Won an arbitration in a motor vehicle accident case. The accident between our client and the co-defendant occurred at an intersection in University City, Philadelphia in October 2019. As the plaintiff was a passenger in our client's car, there was no liability argument pertaining to the plaintiff. Both our client and the co-defendant claimed they

had a green light and that the other party had a red light when they entered the intersection. The plaintiff claimed to have suffered injuries to her right knee and lower back. Evan was able to convince the arbitration panel that the plaintiff had no claim against our client and that the co-defendant was fully and solely liable for the accident. The co-defendant was found 100% liable for the accident, and the plaintiff was rewarded \$35,286.62.

- Successful in having preliminary objections, in the nature of a demurrer, dismissed in the case representing a major print media organization. The plaintiff initiated this action for damages allegedly arising from a slip and fall that occurred on May 13, 2021. The slip and fall is believed to have taken place at department store. Our clients did not own or possess the property in question and had nothing to do with creating the alleged dangerous condition. In his preliminary objections, Evan argued the plaintiff's complaint did not actually state specifically the location where she fell. Evan also argued that our client did not own or possess the property in question, nor did it create the alleged offending condition. The plaintiff amended her complaint without our client.
- Successfully argued a petition to strike default judgment in front of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. Evan's oral argument was successful and the default judgment was stricken. Evan argued that the plaintiff's notice to take the default judgment was deficient on its face.

Results

Dismissal Secured in Food Poisoning and Hepatitis A Case

We successfully obtained dismissal of their client in a death-from-food-poisoning and hepatitis A case. The plaintiff, Joyce Neeld, executrix of the Estate of Alfred Neeld, alleged that Mr. Neeld passed away due to an outbreak of hepatitis A in southeast Pennsylvania, which was widely covered by the news at the time. The plaintiff, who claimed that Mr. Neeld passed away after eating at Gino's Pizzeria and Ristorante, was seeking several million dollars from every food provider that served the restaurant, including our client. Fortunately, the plaintiff stipulated to our dismissal.

Summary Judgment Granted in Major Jury Case Involving Serious Injuries

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Thought Leadership

October 1, 2024

Philadelphia Jury Issued \$5,071,974 Award to Plaintiff for Economic Damages and \$1 Million for Noneconomic Damages.

January 1, 2024

As an Incident Occurred While Transporting a Passenger in New Jersey, Insurance Company's Endorsement 7212 Acted to Increase Its Underinsured Motorist's Coverage Limits to Meet New Jersey's Limits of \$1.5 Million as Specified by New Jersey Law.

June 1, 2023

The National Spotlight on Traumatic Brain Injuries and its Growing Prevalence in the Legal Industry