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Hala is an associate in the Casualty Department, where she represents clients in a variety of matters involving automobile liability, general liability, premises liability, and related areas of civil litigation.

Prior to joining the firm, Hala served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Natasha Taylor-Smith in the Criminal Trial Division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. During her clerkship, she drafted appellate opinions, prepared bench memoranda, and gained experience managing a high-volume criminal trial docket. Working under Judge Taylor-Smith provided her firsthand insight into courtroom procedures and trial practice.

Hala earned her *juris doctor*, cum laude, from Rutgers Law School in January 2025 and her B.A. in Political Studies from the American University of Beirut. While in law school, Hala gained practical experience through Rutgers Law School's Expungement Law Project, where she provided legal aid to low-income individuals seeking expungement of their criminal history. She was also a Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy Fellow, teaching constitutional law to Camden High School students and coaching them to a third-place finish in a multi-school moot court competition. Hala also served as a Teaching Assistant for first year law students' legal writing class.

Hala's background spans Lebanon and Philadelphia. She has participated in disaster relief efforts following the 2020 Beirut port explosion. Hala is proficient in French and Arabic.

Outside of work, Hala enjoys travelling, reading, photography, staying active, and exploring local cafés.

Hala is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania.

Practices

- Automobile Liability
- General Liability
- Premises & Retail Liability

Education

- Rutgers Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2025)
- American University of Beirut (B.A., 2020)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2025

Languages

- French (fluent)
- Arabic

Honors & Awards

- David Dologenos Memorial Award

Published Works

- The Metaverse for the Risk-Averse: Legal Ethics in the Virtual World, *The Legal Intelligencer*, October 20, 2022.