

Katie G. Murray

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Katie is a member of the Casualty Department where she focuses her practice on the defense of companies and individuals in a wide array of civil litigation matters. She handles matters involving automobile liability, amusement, sports and recreation, premises and retail liability, rideshare liability and property litigation. Katie's approach to litigation is both client focused and outcome driven. She is committed to providing exceptional representation and personalized attention to each client, ensuring that their legal needs are met with the highest level of professionalism and diligence.

Before joining Marshall Dennehey, Katie represented indigent clients in a variety of criminal and civil proceedings, focusing her practice on litigating cases involving high-stakes felonies. She has a proven record of dedicated and zealous representation of her clients, obtaining favorable results for numerous clients on a wide range of matters.

Katie is a proud graduate of West Virginia University College of Law, attending on a full tuition merit-based scholarship. At WVU Law, Katie served as Chair of the Student Ethics Committee, President of the Community Service Counsel, a member of the West Virginia Innocence Project, a junior editor of Family Law Quarterly, and served as the WVU Law student representative for the West Virginia Access To Justice Commission's Committee for Re-entry. Also, while a student, Katie served as the Graduate Assistant for Compliance in Information Security Services for the University. Katie spent her summers as a Public Interest Fellow, first with West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management as a Legal Intern in the State Privacy Office, and then with Legal Aid of West Virginia, primarily assisting pro-se clients in matters related to domestic violence. Katie also worked with the Academic Excellence Center at WVU Law as a tutor, where she assisted prospective students in obtaining higher LSAT scores.

Katie enjoys volunteering with organizations that support individuals with special needs and intellectual differences, and recently completed a term as a Board Member with Stepping Stones Recreation Center for People with Disabilities, where she served as

Practices

- General Liability
- Premises & Retail Liability
- Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Rideshare Liability

volunteer throughout her time at WVU Law. Katie has also participated as a volunteer with The Miracle League of Morgantown (t-ball), and as a volunteer basketball coach for Special Olympics of Monongalia County.

Katie is admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 2020)
- Florida State University (MLIS, *magna cum laude*, 2013)
- Welch College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2012)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2024
- West Virginia, 2020
- U.S. District Court Western District of Pennsylvania, 2025

Associations & Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association

Representative Cases & Matters

- Obtained a complete defense verdict in a motor vehicle case involving a plaintiff who sustained a nasal fracture in a rear-end collision caused by an employee of a regional lawn care and outdoor property maintenance company. Liability was admitted, but the plaintiff sought damages for ongoing symptoms and pain and suffering, with a final demand of \$300,000. Cross-examination of Plaintiff and Plaintiff's medical expert established significant inconsistencies and exaggerations regarding plaintiff's alleged injuries. The Defendant argued Plaintiff failed to meet the applicable threshold for recovery of pain and suffering damages. The jury ultimately found that Plaintiff did not sustain a serious injury or disfigurement and returned a complete defense verdict.
- Assisted in obtaining a summary judgment in a wrongful death/survival action arising from a fatal shooting, resulting in dismissal of all claims against their clients, the alleged shooter and his employer. The case stemmed from a remodeling dispute in which the decedent confronted one of the defendants, threatened him, and pointed a gun at him, after which the defendant shot the decedent in self-defense. The court granted summary judgment based on a *Lamp v. Heyman* argument, finding the plaintiff failed to timely and diligently serve the defendants before the statute of limitations expired. The court also granted summary judgment to Wesley and Sylvia Deaderick on corporate veil grounds and to Deaderick Enterprises, Inc., holding there was no basis for vicarious or direct liability because the shooting was outside the scope of employment and no negligent training or supervision was established.