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Nicole Tsiaras is an associate in the Casualty Department whose practice focuses on the areas of product liability, premises liability, auto liability, and general liability. She joined the firm as a Summer Associate in June 2023 and continued to work part-time with the firm as a Law Clerk through her final year of law school.

Nicole earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a minor in Sports Management from The Catholic University of America in 2020. During her time in college, she was a member and team captain of The Catholic University of America Women's Field Hockey team.

In 2024, Nicole received her *juris doctor* from The University of Pittsburgh School of Law. While in law school, she was a member of the Sport and Entertainment Law Society, served as the secretary to the Pitt Law Women's Association, and was a Pitt Law Ambassador. She was also the recipient of the CALI Excellence for the Future Award – Advanced PA Tort Practice, and a recipient of a merit-based scholarship. Additionally, as a law student, she served as a judicial intern for the Honorable D. Michael Fisher of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Outside of the office, Nicole has been a field hockey coach with numerous USA Field Hockey affiliated clubs and training programs, as well as in the local community through recreational and school-sponsored leagues.

Nicole is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2024

Associations & Memberships

Practices

- Automobile Liability
- Premises & Retail Liability
- Product Liability
- General Liability

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2024, J.D.
- The Catholic University of America, 2020, B.A.

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.

Published Works

- "This Is a Story About Control, Co-Owners' Control: How *Simone v. Alam* Reshaped the Standard for Indispensable Parties in Premises Liability Actions," *Defense Digest*, 2025-09-01, Vol. 31, No.

Thought Leadership

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