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Taniesha is a member of the Casualty Department handling litigation involving premises and product liability. She represents major grocery retailers, condominium and homeowners' associations, business owners and private property owners in premises liability matters.

Taniesha additionally defends manufacturers and distributors of tools, automatic doors, machinery and other heavy industrial equipment in product liability matters. She also assists in the defense of fire loss cases and complex product liability cases involving catastrophic losses.

Taniesha is a two-time graduate of the "U," University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, where she received both her bachelor's and juris doctor, achieving the honor of Dean's Scholar.

After law school, Taniesha joined a boutique plaintiff's firm in the Brickell neighborhood of Miami, Florida, where she litigated in the areas of employment discrimination, admiralty and personal injury law. She relocated to the Philadelphia area, originally joining Marshall Dennehey in the Philadelphia office as an associate in the Casualty Department in 2005. Taniesha took time off from the practice of law to build and support her growing family and returned to Marshall Dennehey in 2022.

A certified arbitrator in Philadelphia, Taniesha is admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, The United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the State of New Jersey, the United States District Court of New Jersey, the State of Florida, and the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida.

Education

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., 2002)

Practices

- Product Liability
- Premises & Retail Liability
- General Liability

- University of Miami (B.A., 1999)

Admissions

- Florida, 2002
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida, 2003
- New Jersey, 2005
- Pennsylvania, 2005
- U.S. District Court District of New Jersey, 2005
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2006

Associations & Memberships

- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association
- Montgomery County Bar Association
- The Agnes Irwin School, Leadership Advisory Committee 2017-2019, DEI Committee 2019-2021, Trustee 2020-2021

Significant Representative Matters

- Obtained defense verdict, sitting second chair, in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. The plaintiff alleged that she tripped and fell on a defect on our client's stairs outside of a row home property in the Olney section of Philadelphia. While waiting to enter the home the women thought they heard a gunshot and took off running down the steps. The plaintiff fell and sustained a tibial plateau fracture and a meniscal tear. She had surgery and permanent hardware inserted in her leg. She was unable to return to her job for several months and had almost \$58,000 in past medical bills and lost wages on the board. There was a chunk of the stairs missing, but neither the plaintiff nor the witnesses could say definitively what caused her fall. The jury found negligence but no causation after less than an hour of deliberations.
- Obtained summary judgement on behalf of a homeowner in a 10 Plaintiff negligence action arising from a house-fire. In granting summary judgement, the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas agreed that Plaintiffs' failure to secure a cause and origin expert was fatal to their case, where the fire was alleged to be electrical in nature and thus outside the purview of the average juror.

Results

Summary Judgment Obtained in House Fire Case

We obtained summary judgement on behalf of a homeowner in a 10-plaintiff negligence action arising from a house fire. In granting summary judgement, the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas agreed that the plaintiffs' failure to secure a cause and origin expert was fatal to their case as the fire was alleged to be electrical in nature and, thus, outside the purview of the average juror.

Defense Verdict in Premises Liability Case

We obtained a defense verdict in a premises liability case where the plaintiff alleged that

she tripped and fell on the defendant's row home stairs outside the property. After less than an hour of deliberations, the jury found negligence, but no causation for the plaintiff's injuries.

Thought Leadership

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Even While the Snow Is Falling, You May Be Liable