

## RACHAEL SNYDER VON RHINE

SHAREHOLDER



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

General Liability  
Automobile Liability  
Hospitality & Liquor Liability  
Product Liability  
Construction Injury Litigation  
Fraud/Special Investigation  
Personal Injury Protection (PIP) Litigation

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### ADMISSIONS

New Jersey  
2004

Pennsylvania  
2004

U.S. District Court District of New  
Jersey  
2004

### EDUCATION

Rutgers, The State University of  
New Jersey School of Law-  
Camden, NJ (J.D., 2004)

Rutgers University, Douglass  
Residential College (B.A., 2001)

### ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

Camden County Bar Association

New Jersey Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

### OVERVIEW

Rachael practices in our Casualty Department in the areas of premises liability, motor vehicle liability, dram shop liability, products liability and other personal injury matters. Rachael has represented a broad range of individuals in a wide variety of law suits, including many high exposure cases involving commercial vehicles, trucking matters and fleet vehicles. Rachael has also defended large, complex products liability matters in both state and federal court. As an experienced trial lawyer, Rachael has obtained defense verdicts throughout New Jersey.

Additionally, Rachael handles insurance fraud and Special Investigation Unit (SIU) litigation. In this area of fraud investigation, she works closely with our clients assessing and analyzing fraud by both medical providers and falsified claims brought by her client's insureds. She has broad experience in New Jersey Personal Injury Protection (PIP) litigation and appears regularly before the courts and administrative bodies.

Graduating in the top 25 percent of her class, Rachael received her law degree from Rutgers Law School in 2004. While there, Rachael was the new developments editor for the Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion. She had the opportunity to clerk for Camden County Superior Court Judge Michael J. Kassel from 2004-2005.

Rachael is an active member of the Milton H. Allen Elementary School's APAC and volunteers her time with various sport teams for the Medford Youth Athletic Association and Shawnee Ice Hockey Club. Rachael also spent several years as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, serving on the Mercer County chapter's fundraising committee.

### YEAR JOINED

2008

## RESULTS

### Arbitration Victory Secured in Excessive Testing Case

#### **Personal Injury Protection (PIP) Litigation**

**February 2, 2024**

We successfully defended an insurance carrier in a New Jersey no-fault arbitration matter. The claimant, a pain management provider, filed an arbitration demand in the amount of \$125,218 in connection with a baseline urine toxicology screen and subsequent presumptive and confirmatory testing performed on a monthly basis to monitor a patient's medication regimen. We successfully argued that the extensive testing was being performed without regard to the needs of the patient.

### Summary Judgment for Spa in Wrongful Death Case Involving Whirlpool.

#### **General Liability**

**August 24, 2018**

We obtained summary judgment in a wrongful death case arising from an alleged drowning in a whirlpool at a spa. The decedent, a 73-year-old woman, was found unresponsive by a lifeguard in the client's whirlpool. There was no evidence as to how long the decedent had been submerged in the hot tub before she was found. The Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy and listed the decedent's primary cause of death as hypertensive and arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease, with cardiomegaly. Drowning was listed as a significant contributing factor.

#### **SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

Defense verdict in a lawsuit filed against a homeowner for significant property damage caused by a natural disaster. Rachael was able to successfully argue that the damage caused by the storm was not foreseeable.

Favorable settlement in a complex products liability matter involving 12 separately filed actions, which bundled over 250 claims. The alleged damages totalled over \$8.65m. Rachael was able to successfully prevent the actions from being classified as a Mass Tort and was able to ultimately resolve the matter for pennies on the dollar.

Defense verdict in a lawsuit filed by a homeowner for significant property damage to the plaintiff's condominium. Rachael was able to successfully argue that the property damage was not caused by common area plumbing, but by the negligence of the plaintiff's neighbor.

Summary Judgment obtained in a wrongful death matter, involving an alleged drowning in a Whirlpool, filed against a health club. Rachael was able to successfully argue that the health club's lifeguards' actions exceeded industry standards and that the plaintiff did not in fact drown, but actually suffered a cardiac event that she could not have recovered from, regardless of where the cardiac event took place.