

## EMILY S. KNEPPER

ASSOCIATE



### ADMISSIONS

New Jersey  
2022

Pennsylvania  
2022

U.S. District Court Eastern District  
of Pennsylvania  
2023

### EDUCATION

Widener University Delaware Law  
School (J.D., 2021)

University of Delaware (B.A.,  
2018)

### ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Philadelphia Bar Association;  
Young Lawyers Division, 2023 -  
present

Pennsylvania Bar Association

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Asbestos & Mass Tort Litigation  
Automobile Liability  
Premises & Retail Liability  
Product Liability  
General Liability

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### OVERVIEW

Emily is an associate in the Casualty Department and focuses her practice on asbestos and mass tort litigation, general liability and automobile liability.

Emily earned her *juris doctor* from Delaware Law School, where she was a member of Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity and Women's Law Caucus. Emily also served as Head Student Representative for Kaplan Bar Review. Prior to law school, Emily graduated from The University of Delaware, where she majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Psychology and Sociology. During her time in college, Emily was an active member of the Student Alumni Ambassadors, an organization which fosters connections between students and alumni and promotes school spirit.

Outside of the office, Emily enjoys spending time with family and friends, outdoor activities, and theater. As a Delaware native, Emily is an active member of Profundo Bono, Inc., a Delaware theater group comprised entirely of legal professionals. Profundo Bono produces bi-annual comedy musicals to raise funds to support the Combined Campaign for Justice, which enables Delaware's three legal services agencies—Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, Inc., and Legal Services Corporation of Delaware, Inc.—to continue to provide legal services to low-income Delaware families in need of assistance.

Emily is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

### YEAR JOINED

2023

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### Court Upholds UM/UIM Coverage Exclusion for Fatal Motorcycle Accident Under Insurance Policy

**Philadelphia - Headquarters**  
**Automobile Liability**

**January 1, 2026**

Following a fatal motorcycle accident, the appellant sought, and was denied, uninsured/underinsured vehicle (UM/UIM) coverage under an Erie insurance policy purchased by Elissa J. Kennedy and her husband, Dennis Kennedy.

### Delaware's Long-Arm Statute Does Not Confer Specific Jurisdiction for First Party UIM Claim

**Philadelphia - Headquarters**  
**Automobile Liability**

**January 1, 2026**

The plaintiff/appellant, a Maryland resident, was injured in an automobile collision in Delaware and sought underinsured motorist (UIM) benefits under a Maryland automobile policy issued to him by State Farm.

### Dismissal Reversed as Plain Error Due to Mediator's Inaccurate Report to Court

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**Automobile Liability**

**January 1, 2026**

On October 7, 2024, the appellant filed a complaint against appellee seeking damages from a September 19, 2024, motor vehicle collision.

### Federal Court Remands Car Accident Case After Defendant Fails to Prove Plaintiff's Domicile for Diversity Jurisdiction

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**Automobile Liability**

**January 1, 2026**

Maximo Cruz-Guevera filed this action in New York State Supreme Court, Suffolk County, in which he alleged that Vijay Sukhram caused a car accident that injured him and damaged his vehicle.

### Plaintiffs Deemed 'Strangers to Insurance Policy' Have No Right to Recover

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**Automobile Liability**

**January 1, 2026**

Sam Twal was stopped in traffic in East Brunswick, NJ when a vehicle driven by Alberto Gomez struck the rear of Twal's vehicle and pushed it into the vehicle in front of him.