

HELLEN TUCKETT

ASSOCIATE



AREAS OF PRACTICE

General Liability
Premises & Retail Liability
Automobile Liability
Personal Injury Protection (PIP)
Litigation

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ADMISSIONS

New Jersey
2020

U.S. District Court District
of New Jersey
2021

New York
2022

OVERVIEW

EDUCATION

Rutgers Law School (J.D., 2020)

Kean University (B.A., summa cum laude, 2015)

Essex County College (A.S., Paralegal Studies, 2008)

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Christian Legal Society, Rutgers Law School, 2016-2020

Moot Court Board Member, Rutgers Law School, 2018-2020

LANGUAGES

Portuguese (proficient)

Spanish (proficient)

YEAR JOINED

2023

Hellen is an associate in the firm's Casualty Department where she handles all areas of general liability, premises liability, automobile liability, personal injury protection (PIP) and civil rights litigation. She has experience in a wide range of matters including motor vehicle accidents, slip and falls, civil rights and sexual assault claims.

Hellen began her career with a local boutique firm. Through this position, she obtained critical training in matters involving affirmative and defense personal injury, complex and business litigation and class actions. Thereafter, Hellen worked in public service, where she specialized in the defense of motor vehicle and slip and fall, civil rights and sexual assault matters. In that position, she successfully prevailed on several motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment and participated in intensive discovery, arbitration, mediation and settlement hearings.

Hellen received her *juris doctor* in 2020 from Rutgers Law School where she was recognized with the Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes Prize, which is awarded to the graduating student who has achieved the best record in the New Jersey Practice course. She graduated *summa cum laude* in 2015 from Kean University with a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Political Science. Hellen also graduated in 2008 from Essex County College with an Associate in Science in Paralegal Studies.

While pursuing her J.D. and undergraduate degrees, for over a decade, Hellen simultaneously worked full-time as a paralegal and conflicts analyst for other firms in the tri-state area focused on class actions, personal injury, and employment litigation.

Hellen is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York and in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

RESULTS

Summary Judgment Won in a Dog Bite Case in New Jersey

General Liability

March 1, 2024

We secured summary judgment in a general liability case involving a dog bite. The plaintiff alleged a laceration to the face from a dog bite. The dog was owned by a co-defendant, not by our client, the landlord of the property where the bite occurred. There were no issues of material fact or proof to support a theory of liability under strict or ordinary negligence, and no behavioral signs of aggression were observed by the plaintiff or the property owner's son who hosted the party where the plaintiff was bitten.

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Successfully defended a public entity and public employee in litigation arising out of a motor vehicle accident where liability was clearly established on the grounds that plaintiff's expert narrative report constituted a net opinion for failure to provide a comparative analysis of plaintiff's prior medical history and surgeries and a causal connection between her pre-accident and post-accident conditions.