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PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Pandemic Claims and Litigation
- Property Insurance

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Courts: Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court: District of Maryland, Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals: Fourth Circuit, District of Columbia
- U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

- Regent University School of Law, J.D., 2013, *Cum Laude*, Honors Program
- Patrick Henry College, B.A., Government, 2009, Valedictorian, *Summa Cum Laude*, Highest Honors

Jessica is an associate in the firm's Washington, D.C. office, and focuses her practice on property insurance coverage and defense.

Prior to joining Zelle, Jessica began her legal career as a law clerk for the Honorable Theresa M. Adams in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland. Jessica subsequently worked as an associate at Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP, in Baltimore, Maryland from 2016-2020, where she focused on insurance coverage and defense, subrogation, and first- and third-party liability.

During law school, Jessica was the Legal Research & Writing Coordinator for the Moot Court Board. After graduating, she joined the Maryland Office of Attorney General Associate Program, drafting appellate briefs on behalf of the State of Maryland.

In her spare time, Jessica enjoys running, hiking, and kayaking. Jessica is also training to become a certified Krav Maga instructor.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Rose's 1, LLC v. Erie Insurance Exchange, 2020 D.C. Super. LEXIS 10 (2020)

Gehani v. American Zurich Ins. Co., 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 203828 (U.S. District Court, District of Maryland 2017)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Maryland State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section

Virginia Bar Association

The District of Columbia Bar Association

Bar Association of Baltimore City

Frederick County Bar Association

Montgomery County Bar Association

Maryland Association for Justice

Maryland Defense Counsel

Women's Bar Association

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

Maryland People's Law Library, *Pro Bono Editor* (2014-present)

Catholic Charities – Esperanza Center (2017-2019)

Maryland Legal Aid, *Pro Bono Volunteer* (2016-2019)

Maryland State Bar Association, *Welcome Home Project* (2015-2019)

Maryland State Bar Association, *Wills for Heroes* (2015-2019)

Frederick Bar Association, *Civics and Law Academy* (2015-2016)

Maryland Food Bank (2016-2017)

Bar Association of Baltimore City (2016-present).

NOTEWORTHY

Named a Rising Star in 2019, 2020 and 2021 as a top-rated insurance defense attorney by Super Lawyers, a list issued by Thomson Reuters

Selected for inclusion in Who's Who in America in 2020.

Received the Martindale-Hubbell Gold Client Champion Award in 2020.

PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate, Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP, 2016-2020