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Maria V. Hanley is an associate of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. She concentrates her practice in the area of civil litigation, with a particular emphasis in railroad litigation and commercial litigation, in both state and federal courts.

As a member of the firm's Railroad Law, Litigation and Regulatory Counsel Group, Ms. Hanley regularly represents Class I and Short Line railroads in Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA) and state tort claim litigation. Additionally, Ms. Hanley is a member of the firm's Commercial Law and Litigation Group. In her commercial litigation practice, she focuses on business torts and contractual disputes. Ms. Hanley also handles matters in the areas of school district defense, product liability law, and corporate services.

Prior to joining the firm as a lawyer, Ms. Hanley worked as a law clerk and summer associate at Dickie McCamey. While in law school, she was a teaching assistant in the Legal Research and Writing Department at the Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University.

Ms. Hanley is an active member of the firm's Associates Committee and Compliance Committee.

Ms. Hanley has been trained by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA).

Practice Focus

- Commercial Law and Litigation
- Corporate Services
- Education Law
- Product Liability
- Railroad Law, Litigation and Regulatory Counsel

Representative Matters

- Ms. Hanley successfully defended a Pennsylvania school district as a second chair in a 3-week trial in which the plaintiff sued the school district, a Pennsylvania athletic association, and a Pennsylvania athletic league over a concussion sustained in a football practice 13 years prior to the trial. Plaintiff claimed that he has Traumatic Encephalopathy Syndrome (TES) and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE). The jury returned a verdict for all of the defendants after 2 hours of deliberation.

Speaking Engagements

- "Navigating and Understanding Pennsylvania Courts and Judicial Elections" (Presenter); Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts; Pittsburgh, PA; 9/12/2023
- "Social Media and Intellectual Property: Practical and Legal Considerations" (Co-Presenter); Commercial Litigation in a Brave New World – Colorado, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and West Virginia CLE; Pittsburgh, PA; 4/27/2023
- "There's No Place Like Home: *Mallory v. Norfolk Southern* and the Exercise of General Jurisdiction" (Presenter); National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel Annual Conference; Chicago, IL; 7/26/2022

Admissions and Licenses

- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Duquesne Law Alumni Association
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Defense Institute

Community Involvement

- Neighborhood Legal Services (Protection From Abuse Project)
- Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership Best Interests Attorney Project

Education

- Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University, J.D. (2020), *cum laude*; recipient of CALI Excellence for the Future Awards® in Civil Procedure and Drafting and Law and Neuroscience; *Duquesne Business Law Journal* (Executive Editor); Appellate Moot Court Board (Vice President); Outstanding Oral Advocate Award (Legal Research and Writing); Justice Louis L. Manderino Honor Society
- Loyola University Chicago, B.S. (2017), *magna cum laude*, Psychology, minor in Psychology of Crime & Justice; Dean's List (all semesters); Missouri Valley Conference Honor Roll; NCAA Division 1 Women's Soccer (senior captain)