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Practice

Business and Commercial
Litigation

Education

Rutgers Law School - Camden,
J.D., *cum laude*, 2012

Johns Hopkins University, B.A.,
2006

Clerkship

Honorable Marie E. Lihotz,
Superior Court of New Jersey,
Appellate Division, 2012-2013

Admissions

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the District of
New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Pennsylvania

United States Court of Appeals,
Third Circuit

Memberships

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Philadelphia Bar Association

Katherine A. Hopkins is an associate at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., resident in the firm's Philadelphia office. Ms. Hopkins focuses her litigation practice on business and commercial disputes, representing banks, insurers, manufacturers, commercial retailers, restaurant and hotel chains, medical professionals, and small business owners, among others. She also has significant experience handling products liability and premises liability matters.

Ms. Hopkins has generated favorable outcomes for clients in cases in state and federal courts throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She has litigated matters involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, shareholder oppression, creditors' rights, fraud, employment disputes, and violations of various consumer protection statutes. She has also managed mass tort, toxic tort, and Dram Shop cases. In addition to her litigation practice, Ms. Hopkins assists with negotiating and drafting contracts and in developing internal corporate documents.

Ms. Hopkins is an active member of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations. She has been a contributing editor to tort and business law publications, including Wolters Kluwer's [Business Tort Law Desk Reference](#) (New Jersey, 2015-2018) and [Product Liability Desk Reference](#) (Pennsylvania, 2015-2018). She has also authored articles published in the *Rutgers Law Journal*, *University of Toledo Law Review*, *ABA Journal* (online), and Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) *Civil Litigation Update*. Currently, Ms. Hopkins serves as Assistant Lead Articles Editor for the PBA *Civil Litigation Update* and serves on the Board of Directors as a board observer for Canine Partners for Life, a non-profit organization that provides and sustains professionally trained service and companion dogs to disabled individuals to increase their independence and quality of life.

Since 2019, Ms. Hopkins has been named to the Pennsylvania and Delaware *Super Lawyers* Rising Star list.

Ms. Hopkins graduated *cum laude* from the Rutgers University School of Law where she earned the Dean's Academic Scholarship and served

as Executive Editor for the *Rutgers Law Journal*.

She is a former Law Clerk to the Honorable Marie E. Lihotz in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, and a former intern for the Honorable Renée Marie Bumb in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Prior to attending law school, Ms. Hopkins earned her B.A. from the Johns Hopkins University, where she worked as a research assistant in the Bloomberg School of Public Health's Epidemiology Department. Subsequently, she supported pharmaceutical clients at BioScience Communications for several years before embarking on her legal career. Ms. Hopkins brings a wealth of experience from the pharmaceutical and life science industries to her legal practice.

Articles

- Product Liability Desk Reference: A Fifty-State Compendium, Wolters Kluwer, 2015-2018 (Contributing Editor, Pennsylvania)
- Business Tort Law Desk Reference: A Fifty-State Guide, Wolters Kluwer, 2014-2018 (Contributing Editor, New Jersey)
- Tort Law Desk Reference: A Fifty-State Compendium, Wolters Kluwer, 2014-2016 (Contributing Editor, Pennsylvania)
- "Improper Jury Instruction Suggesting Physician May Fulfill Duty to Obtain Patient's Informed Consent Through Intermediary Constitutes Reversible Error", Civil Litigation Update, PBA Civil Litigation Section, Vol. 21, No. 1, Winter 2018 (Author)
- "6 Keys to Acing Discovery", American Bar Association Journal, ABAJournal.com, October 16, 2018 (Author)
- "The Federal Estate Tax: An Uncertain Future, Real Property, Trusts & Estates Law," American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, Committee Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 1, Winter 2017 (Author)
- "A Blast From the Past: Are the Robo-Signing Issues That Plagued the Mortgage Crisis Set to Engulf the Student Loan Industry?", 45 U. Tol. L. Rev. 239, Winter 2014 (Author)
- "Strategic Lockstepping and State Funding Implications", 42 Rutgers L. J. 1057, 2012 (Author)