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Danielle defends private employers, public entities and individuals in employment-related litigation. Danielle's practice also includes defense of officials and law enforcement officers against claims of constitutional violations.

In addition to employment, government liability and civil rights litigation, Danielle has experience in professional liability, education law, business law and energy law. Danielle has provided legal guidance to charter schools and employers in various matters, including *inter alia*, employee handbooks, bylaws, severance agreements, business formation and employee contracts.

Danielle has successfully defended several matters pertaining to claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Family Medical and Leave Act, Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, Pennsylvania Whistleblower Law and 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

Experience

- Obtained dismissal of civil rights claims, including false arrest and selective prosecution, and RICO violation claim, for police officer in a federal court case.
- Prevailed in securing a complete dismissal of a police officer in York County on a Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of PA. The plaintiff is a pro se prisoner incarcerated in a state correctional facility who alleged that the police officer violated his constitutional rights, asserting claims for false arrest, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution and abuse of process. The magistrate judge issued a report and recommendation, recommending that all of the claims against the police officer be dismissed, finding that

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Industries

Education
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Abuse & Misconduct Claims
Automotive
Cannabis and Opioid Practice

Practices

Employment
Civil Rights and Municipal Liability
Medical Malpractice
Professional Liability

Education

Clarion University of Pennsylvania,
B.S.B.A., 2010, Business Administration
Major, Real Estate Major
Duquesne University School of Law, J.D.,
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Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania
Ohio
West Virginia

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probable cause existed for the police officer to arrest the plaintiff on charges which resulted in the plaintiff's conviction of possession of instruments of crime, simple assault and harassment. The magistrate judge also recommended dismissal of the plaintiff's selective prosecution claim and RICO violation claim alleged against the police officer. Finally, the magistrate judge determined that the police officer was entitled to qualified immunity.

- Obtained a dismissal on behalf of an employer, a prominent restaurant owner, of a race and sex/gender discrimination complaint filed by a former cook in the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Court Admissions

United States District Court Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania
Third Circuit Court of Appeals
Pennsylvania

Professional & Community Involvement

Delaware County Bench Bar