

## Daryll Hawthorne-Bernardo

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### OVERVIEW

Daryll Hawthorne-Bernardo focuses her practice on complex civil litigation arising from product liability, professional liability, insurance coverage and personal injury. Her diverse legal and scientific knowledge base has allowed her to develop problem-solving skills which provide clients with a unique approach to novel issues. She believes there is a solution to every problem.

Prior to joining White and Williams, Daryll worked as an associate for a Wilmington defense firm representing insurance carriers and self-insureds in cases involving products liability, professional liability, premises liability and motor vehicle and trucking accidents. She was also an associate for a Wilmington IP firm where she drafted various motions and briefs, prepared for oral arguments, participated in mediation, and represented veterans and prisoners in pro bono cases.

During law school, Daryll interned for the Honorable Carol Sandra Moore Wells at the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. There she gained experience reviewing *Habeas Corpus* petitions and drafting reports and recommendations. Daryll was a summer associate in GlaxoSmithKline's Global Patents department and a boutique IP firm in Philadelphia gaining experience in patent litigation and prosecution.

Prior to attending law school, Daryll was a clinical and forensic science intern at NMS labs in Willow Grove, PA, and trained as an expert witness.

### RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Daryll is recognized as a *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* 2024-2026 for Product Liability Litigation - Defendants. Daryll was also named a Delaware "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* from 2020-2024.

### PRACTICES

Intellectual Property  
Labor and Employment  
Litigation  
Product Liability  
Professional Liability  
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Delaware  
Pennsylvania  
United States District Court for the District of Delaware

### EDUCATION

Temple University Beasley School of Law,  
JD, 2017  
Arcadia University, MS, 2014  
Pace University, BS, 2011

### MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association  
Delaware State Bar Association  
Federal Bar Association (Delaware Chapter)

While in law school, Daryll was a member of the Temple Law National Trial Team, President of both the Black Law Students Association and Student Public Interest Network, and a student member of the Temple Inn of Court. She was awarded the Barrister Award for Trial Advocacy, the Myron H. Deutsch '60 Memorial Award and the Jacquelyn E. Davis Johnson Success Award. She also served as a Teaching Assistant for Temple's Integrated Trial Advocacy and Legal Research and Writing programs.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented manufacturers of alleged asbestos-containing products in toxic tort suits and product liability

Represented insured individuals and companies in negligence, breach of contract, malpractice, and wrongful death actions

Represented local Delaware fire company in subrogation action against homeowners and two insurance companies

Represented leading vendor of club management & community association software in breach of contract dispute

## IN THE NEWS

White and Williams Announces 2026 Partner and Counsel Promotions  
1.12.26

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 40 White and Williams Lawyers  
8.21.25

Congratulations 2025 DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
6.16.25

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 49 White and Williams Attorneys  
8.15.24

Congratulations 2024 DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
6.6.24

Congratulations to all of our 2023 Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
5.25.23

Congratulations 2022 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
7.13.22

White and Williams Lawyers Recognized as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
11.1.21

## PUBLICATIONS

Delaware Superior Court Finds Pollution Exclusion Precludes Coverage for COVID-Related Claims  
Leaves Door Open on Whether the Presence of COVID-19 Virions is Direct Physical Loss or Damage  
*Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert*, 12.15.21

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Dismisses Medical Device Suit

*Product Liability Alert, 2.1.21*