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Kara Newell is an associate with the firm's Healthcare and Professional Liability practice group.

Prior to joining Gfeller Laurie, Kara litigated medical malpractice, personal injury, and business litigation cases in both State and Federal courts, including pleadings, depositions of expert and lay witnesses, settlement of cases through mediation and arbitration, and jury selection.

Kara is a graduate of Quinnipiac School of Law, where she was actively involved in the Mock Trial Honors Association, for which she served as the Vice President of Public Relations and competed as a regional semi-finalist in the two national mock trial competitions: American Association for Justice (AAJ) Student Trial Advocacy Competition (STAC) and Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) National Trial Competition (NTC). Kara now serves as a guest judge for regional and national mock trial competitions and serves as a mock trial coach for both Quinnipiac School of Law and University of Connecticut School of Law.

Experience

- Prevailed in a bench trial of a personal injury suit involving claims of sexual assault
- Deposed both fact and expert witnesses in several motor vehicle and premises liability cases

- Prepared clients for depositions in high stakes civil litigation cases arising from serious motor vehicle accidents and premises liability cases
- Conducted direct examination of a fact witness in Federal Court Jury Trial arising out of a Section 1983 claim
- Successfully argued dispositive motions including objections to motions to strike and objections to motions for summary judgment in personal injury cases arising out of wrongful death cases, serious motor vehicle accidents, and premises liability cases

Honors

- Pro Bono Honor Roll, United States District Court, District of Connecticut, 2023

Professional Affiliations

- Connecticut Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section Executive Committee, Women in the Law Co-Chair

Civic Activities

- Quinnipiac School of Law Honors Mock Trial Association Coach
- University of Connecticut School of Law Mock Trial Coach
- Connecticut Bar Association “Lawyers in the Libraries” Volunteer Lawyer
- Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence Volunteer Attorney

Capabilities

Practice Areas

- Healthcare and Professional Liability

Credentials

Admitted to Practice

- Connecticut
- United States District Court, District of Connecticut

Education

- Quinnipiac School of Law, J.D. *cum laude*

- University of Connecticut, B.A. in Psychological Sciences with concentrations in Research and Neuroscience