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Olivia C. Tawa is an associate with the firm and practices primarily in the areas of complex civil and commercial litigation. Specifically, she focuses her practice in the area of recreational / sports litigation and regularly defends recreational facilities in claims of liability. She regularly represents condominium associations, property management companies, retail stores, other commercial establishments, small business owners, non-profit organizations, community outreach organizations, group homes, drug and alcohol treatment facilities, assisted living facilities, and homeless shelters in civil litigation involving claims of personal injury. Olivia also represents insurers in complex coverage disputes and matters involving allegations of unfair claim settlement practices and bad faith.

Olivia is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law, where she served as Executive Editor for the *Connecticut Law Review* and as a teaching assistant. She was awarded the CALI Excellence Award in Mental Health Law and the Elder Law Clinic. During law school, Olivia interned for the Office of the State's Attorney in New Britain, Connecticut and worked as a law clerk at Sloane and Walsh, LLP in Boston, Massachusetts.

Experience

Honors

- CALI Excellence for the Future Award Recipient
- Connecticut Super Lawyers® *Rising Star* 2021, 2022, and 2023

Professional Affiliations

- Connecticut Bar Association
- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Connecticut Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section Executive Committee, Women in the Law Co-Chair
- Massachusetts Bar Association, Health Law Section, Council Member
- New York State Bar Association

Civic Activities

- Junior League of Hartford

Publications

- “Professional Sports Arenas and Their Microscopic Damage,” *Sports Litigation Alert*, March 2024 (SITE).
- “When Actions Speak Louder Than Coaches: Imposing Liability on Contact-Sports Participants,” *Sports Facilities and the Law*, November-December 2022 (PDF).
- “US Supreme Court Paves the Way for College Athletes to Get Paid,” *Insurance Coverage Law Center*, July 2021 (SITE).
- “Legal Implications of the Proposed ‘College Athletes’ Bill of Rights’,” *Insurance Coverage Law Center*, March 2021 (SITE).
- “How the pandemic is impacting youth sports risk management,” *Property Casualty 360*, January 19, 2021.
- “The Implications of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Youth Sports and Risk Management,” *Insurance Coverage Law Center*, January 2021 (SITE).
- “Time to Swim - Insurers Should Take Notice,” *Insurance Day*, July 2019 (PDF).

Speaking Engagements

- “The Ins and Outs of Short Calendar,” Young Lawyers Section of the Connecticut Bar Association, December 2021.

- “Bridge the Gap Series: Depositions 101,” Young Lawyers Section of the Connecticut Bar Association, April 2022.

Capabilities

Practice Areas

- Insurance
- Bad Faith/Extra Contractual Liability
- Defense Litigation
- Sports and Recreation
- Commercial Litigation
- Global Risk Management

Credentials

Admitted to Practice

- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- New York
- United States District Court, District of Connecticut

Education

- Bates College, B.S.
- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., with honors