



# Taranae Hashemi

## Member

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Taranae is a litigator with a practice focused on commercial liability, contract dispute, construction defect, and premises liability litigation. She serves as counsel in pre-suit evaluations and risk mitigation efforts, litigates matters from inception to resolution, and acts as monitoring trial counsel. She is experienced in both state and federal court trial and appellate divisions.

Prior to joining the firm, Taranae was of counsel at a New York City law firm. She also worked as an associate at law firms located in New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. She managed cases involving commercial liability, premises liability, complex construction, construction defect, automobile, and wrongful death from inception to resolution. After law school, Taranae was a law clerk for the New Jersey Judiciary, Justice Lee A. Solomon and The Honorable Francis J. Orlando. While a law clerk, she reviewed, researched, and advised the court on a variety of complex discovery, procedural, and dispositive motions, inclusive of drafting judicial opinions on cases of first impression.

Taranae earned her bachelor's degree from The College of New Jersey and her law degree from Rutgers University School of Law. While in law school, she was a clinic intern who represented asylum seekers in U.S. Immigration Court, was part of a mentoring program and was involved in the land use & environmental law club. She also served as aide to the governor in the Office of the Governor and Department of Treasury for the State of New Jersey and as a law clerk at the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. Taranae is a certified arbitrator.

## Experience

Drafted and argued a successful petition before the Supreme Court, New York County, to permanently stay arbitration.

Secured a temporary restraining order on behalf of a defendant under which plaintiffs were enjoined from attending or placing preconditions on defense site inspections.

Won summary judgment on behalf of a defendant in New Jersey state court in a premises liability action after the plaintiff failed to fulfill actual or constructive notice requirements.

Secured dismissal of a client wrongfully named as a defendant in a personal injury action on the grounds that the claims against the client were barred pursuant to the exclusive remedy doctrine.

Secured dismissal of a client named to litigation on the grounds that the claims asserted were not contemplated and therefore barred pursuant to the contract applicable to the matter.

Prevailed in a pre-answer motion to dismiss claims against a client based on contractual theories of law whereby plaintiff could not have recovered from the client due to lack of privity between the parties.

Prevailed in a pre-answer motion to dismiss on the grounds that the court did not have personal jurisdiction over the defendant, thereby shielding the client from years of protracted litigation.

Successfully defended a client in New Jersey litigation wherein the plaintiff was prohibited from relief via the Workers' Compensation bar.

## Practice Areas

- Insurance Coverage
- Strategic Risk & Complex Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law

## Industry Sectors

- Insurance

## Education

- Rutgers University School of Law, J.D., 2011
- The College of New Jersey, B.A., 2007

## Bar Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Pennsylvania

## Affiliations

American Bar Association

## Awards & Honors

- Selected to N.Y. Super Lawyers Rising Stars List (2020 - 2024). This award is conferred by Super Lawyers. A description of the selection methodology can be found here. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

## Clerkships

Justice Lee A. Solomon and The Hon. Francis J. Orlando, New Jersey Judiciary

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Secured dismissal of a security company from a wrongful death case, wherein the plaintiff drowned in a pool and the estate claimed millions of dollars in damages, on the grounds that the client did not owe the plaintiff any duty and was not contractually obligated to act pursuant to its contractual scope of work with the codefendant.

Prevailed in litigation contemplating dismissal of action for lack of prosecution after a decedent was not substituted in by the estate. Secured the client's dismissal from the matter, valued in excess of \$1,000,000, despite opposition by the plaintiff and threats of appeal.