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Valerie Kellner has over 20 years of experience in handling product liability, premises liability and construction litigation, including catastrophic injuries and death cases in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She graduated from Rutgers Law School in 1997 and was awarded Top Ten Oralist at the Hunter Moot Court Competition. Upon graduating law school, Valerie served as a law clerk with the Honorable Rosemary K. Reavey and the Honorable George Nicola in Superior Court of New Jersey in Middlesex County in the civil division. She is admitted to practice in the federal and state courts of New Jersey, the state courts of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania.

Valerie is a member of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC). She is the Program Co-Chair for the upcoming FDCC Corporate Counsel Symposium on October 4-6, 2020, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is also serves on the Membership Committee.

She also acts as a *Judge Pro Tem* as well as an Arbitrator for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. She is also a member of the Temple Inn of Court.

Valerie is also a member of TIPS (Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section) of the American Bar Association. She previously served as the Chairperson for the Products Liability Committee as well as the Public Relations Committee. Valerie also served on the CLE Board and Long Range Planning Committee.

Valerie was a moderator for a panel discussion on “*Cybersecurity Risks and Legal Exposures for the Company: Coverage Concerns and Government Involvement When a Breach Occurs*” at the FDCC (Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel) 15th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium in Philadelphia, PA on September 17, 2018.

She was a presenter and faculty member of the FDCC Deposition Boot Camp in Chicago, IL on June 12 and 13, 2017.

Valerie was a panelist for “*A Day in the Life of an Attorney Discussion*” at the American Heritage School in Delray Beach, FL on May 16, 2014 and was also a panelist at UIC College-Prep in Chicago, IL on February 7, 2014 as part of ABA TIPS Education Awareness Project, which goes into high schools around the country to encourage students to enter the practice of law.



She was a moderator at the ABA TIPS Spring Meeting on a panel named *Second Responders: Experts from Fire Investigation to Daubert* on May 18, 2012 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Valerie was also a presenter at the 14th Annual Personal Injury Potpourri sponsored by the Dispute Resolution Institute on April 17, 2012. She discussed the update in Pennsylvania product liability law, including the current tension between state and federal court regarding Pennsylvania strict liability law.

Valerie was a moderator of a panel discussion regarding *Perspectives on Exposures, Responsibility Theories and Culpability Apportionment* at the National Conference for Emerging Issues in Premises Liability Litigation sponsored by the American Bar Association in November 2009.

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Product Liability
- Construction Liability
- Casualty & Premises Liability
- Catastrophic Injury

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania, 1997
- New Jersey, 1997

COURT ADMISSIONS:

- State Court and Federal Court in New Jersey
- State Court in Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION:

- Rutgers University School of Law, (J.D. 1997)
 - Top Ten Oralist, Hunter Moot Court Competition
- Rutgers University, (B.A. 1994)

CLERKSHIP:

- Clerk, Honorable Rosemary K. Reavey, New Jersey Superior Court,
New Brunswick, NJ
- Judicial Extern, Honorable Joseph Rodriguez, United States District Court,
Camden, NJ

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC)
- Temple American Inn of Court
- Chairperson for the ABA TIPS Public Relations Committee (2015-2017)
- Vice-Chairperson for the ABA TIPS Trial Techniques Committee (2013-current)
- Vice-Chairperson of the ABA TIPS CLE Board (2012 to 2013)



Vice Chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee (2012-current)
Chairperson for the ABA TIPS Section Products Liability Committee (2011-2012)
Chair Elect for the ABA TIPS Section Products, General Liability and Consumer Law
Committee (2010-2011)
Vice-Chair for the ABA TIPS Section Products, General Liability and Consumer Law
Committee (2008-2010)
Newsletter Chairperson for ABA TIPS Section Products, General Liability and
Consumer Law Committee (2009-2010)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

Author, *Pennsylvania, Class Action—Federal Court Denies Class Certification*, **Rawle's Reports**, Volume 24, Number 2, February 2020

Moderator, "Cybersecurity Risks and Legal Exposures for the Company: Coverage Concerns and Government Involvement When a Breach Occurs," FDCC (Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel) 15th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium, Philadelphia, PA, September 17, 2018

Presenter, Faculty Member, FDCC Deposition Boot Camp in Chicago, IL on June 12 and 13, 2017

Panelist, "A Day in the Life of an Attorney Discussion" at the American Heritage School, Delray Beach, FL, May 16, 2014

Panelist at UIC College-Prep, Chicago, IL as part of ABA TIPS Education Awareness Project, February 7, 2014

Moderator, *Second Responders: Experts from Fire Investigation to Daubert*, ABA TIPS Spring Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina, May 18, 2012

Presenter, *Update of Product Liability Law in Pennsylvania*, 14th Annual Personal Injury Potpourri sponsored by the Dispute Resolution Institute, April 17, 2012

Moderator, *Perspectives on Exposures, Responsibility Theories and Culpability Apportionment*, American Bar Association National Conference for Emerging Issues in Premises Liability Litigation, November 2009

Recent State Court Trends Regarding Class Action Waivers in Arbitration Clauses, **TIPS Products, General Liability and Consumer Law Committee Newsletter**, Fall 2008

Arbitration Clauses, **Rawle's Reports**, Volume 13, Issue 3