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Attorney Profile: Nicole M. Santo, Esq.

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Areas of Concentration: Medical Malpractice • Dangerous or Defective Products
• Truck and Car Accidents and Unsafe Vehicles • Insurance Disputes

Nicole M. Santo, a Principal of HKQ Law and member of the Personal Injury Team, joined the firm in 2010. Her practice is focused on litigating all types of personal injury claims, including medical malpractice claims, motor vehicle accidents, underinsured/uninsured motorist claims, insurance bad faith, trucking accidents, products liability, and crashworthiness claims. Since joining the firm, she has been involved in the litigation, trial and settlement of multiple complex, multi-million dollar cases. She prides herself on being passionate about her cases and working hard for her clients so they can obtain just compensation for their injuries.

Since joining HKQ Law, Attorney Santo has been consistently recognized by the legal community for the hard work and results she has obtained for her clients. She has been named a Super Lawyers Rising Star since 2017, a Best Lawyer In America for Personal Injury Litigation since 2019, a Top 10 under 40 Attorney in Pennsylvania by the National Academy of Personal Injury Attorney in 2018 and 2019, and a Top 40 under 40 Attorney in Pennsylvania by the National Trial Lawyers in 2020. Attorney Santo also serves as a Board Member representing the Middle District in the Pennsylvania Association for Justice and is a member of the House of Delegates for Zone 5 for the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

In 2010, Attorney Santo earned her law degree from Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg, where she was named valedictorian of her class and graduated Summa Cum Laude. While at Widener, she earned awards for receiving the highest grade in six of her classes, served as president of Widener's Student Bar Association, and was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society.

Prior to joining HKQ Law, she served as a legal intern in the Office of Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection and the Public Utility Commission's Law Bureau. She also served as a judicial clerk for Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin. She is currently licensed to practice law in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, 2010-Present
- Principal and member of HKQ Law's Personal Injury Team with emphasis on medical malpractice, personal injury, auto and truck accidents, crashworthiness and product liability
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin, Judicial Law Clerk, 2009-2010

EDUCATION

- Widener University School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2010, Valedictorian
- The Pennsylvania State University, Bachelor of Arts, 2007

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Best Lawyers in America, Personal Injury Litigation Plaintiffs, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022
- 2017-2021 Super Lawyers Rising Star List, Personal Injury, Plaintiff
- Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Zone 5 Delegate
- Member, Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association
- Pennsylvania Association for Justice, Middle District Board Member
- Admitted to Practice:
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Superior Court of Pennsylvania
Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

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