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Services and Industries

- Construction Law
- Insurance Law
- Business Litigation and Strategic Solutions

Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D.
- Gettysburg College, B.A., *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia

Rebecca Johnson Barksdale (Becca) is a senior counsel member of the firm's [Business Litigation and Strategic Solutions](#), [Insurance](#), and [Construction](#) groups. Based in the firm's Pittsburgh office, Becca advises corporations on commercial, construction, and insurance contract drafting, negotiation, claims, and litigation matters.

Becca is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Gettysburg College and earned her law degree from Harvard Law School, where she was a two-time recipient of the Paul C. Weiler Scholar Award. While at Harvard, she interned in the Corporate Legal Department at Major League Baseball, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas. She was active in the Journal of Sports & Entertainment Law, Women's Law Association, and Committee on Sports and Entertainment Law.

An active contributor to her community, Becca serves on the board of the Western Pennsylvania March of Dimes Young Professionals, is part of the Pennsylvania Women Work Volunteer and Ambassador Council, and is a Young Lawyer Fellow for the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. She is also the president of the Delta Gamma Pittsburgh Alumnae Association and volunteers through the Harvard Law School Committee on the Sports and Entertainment Law Mentorship Program.

Attorney-ranking service Super Lawyers has named Becca a Pennsylvania "Rising Star" in Civil Litigation since 2022, and Neighborhood Legal Services awarded her its "Partner in Justice Award" in 2025. Her writing has appeared in publications such as the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* and other regional publications.

Recognitions

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star, Civil Litigation, Construction Litigation, and Insurance Coverage (2022-2026)
- Best Lawyers In America - Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation and Construction Law (2026, 2027)
- Neighborhood Legal Services "Partner in Justice Award" (2025)
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Young Lawyer Fellow
- Harvard Law School Paul C. Weiler Scholar Award (2017, 2019)

Certifications

- National Trial Advocacy College, University of Virginia School of Law (2024)

Community Involvement

- Delta Gamma Pittsburgh Alumnae Association, president
- Western Pennsylvania March of Dimes Young Professionals Board, member
- Pennsylvania Women Work Volunteer & Ambassador Council, member
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation Young Lawyer Fellow

- Harvard Law School Committee on the Sports and Entertainment Law Mentorship Program, mentor
- Dress for Success Pittsburgh, volunteer
- Allegheny County Mock Trial, volunteer
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters, former volunteer
- Gettysburg College BOLD Council (2020-2024)

Professional Affiliations

- Allegheny County Bar Association
 - Young Lawyers Division, council member (2021-2023)
 - Public Service Committee, former co-chair
 - Construction Law Section
 - Civil Litigation Section
 - Sports Law Committee
 - Women in Law Division
- Hay-Sell Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Inns of Court, former member