

SARAH HART CHARETTE

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Sarah Hart Charette's attention to detail and commitment to helping others makes her a valuable asset to the firm's Litigation Group. She has an extensive background in trial preparation and litigation, striving to provide clarity to her clients who are often simply confused and overwhelmed by the legal process.

Sarah's prior prosecutorial experience as Assistant District Attorney in both Berks County and Lebanon Counties has uniquely prepared her to present a skillful and effective defense. Her criminal defense achievements include:

- Negotiating a plea of probation for a felony drug charge that carried a minimum sentence of significant incarceration.
- Reducing a misdemeanor of fleeing and eluding to a traffic citation
- The dismissal of a felony gun charge.
- Reducing a felony drug charge to a misdemeanor.
- Advocating for candidates to be considered for ARD that would typically be deemed ineligible.
- Obtaining state probation for a felony offense carrying a significant incarceration.
- Achieving a mitigated range sentence where the District Attorney was seeking top of the standard range.

Sarah has conducted numerous bench and jury trials in cases involving drugs, sexual assault, domestic violence, thefts, DUIs, and fleeing and eluding. She also represents clients in PFA violation hearings. Sarah is committed to providing dedicated and hands-on defense on behalf of her clients.

Sarah's significant litigation experience has made her a valuable member of the Medical Malpractice Defense Team. In this position, she has counseled individual medical professionals, hospitals, and health networks on a variety of complex professional liability issues. Sarah regularly participates in pretrial hearings, depositions, preparation of expert witnesses, arbitration, and trials in medical malpractice defense. She has achieved noteworthy success in the form of several defense verdicts.

In 2019, Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Stars recognized Sarah's achievements, a distinction reserved for no more than 2.5% of young attorneys in Pennsylvania.

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Areas of Practices

Litigation
Criminal Defense
Medical Malpractice Defense

Admissions

Pennsylvania
New Jersey
U.S. District Court
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Middle District of Pennsylvania
U.S. Court of Appeals
Third Circuit

Education

Pennsylvania State University
Dickinson School of Law,
J.D., 2012
Gettysburg College,
B.A., *cum laude*, 2009

Professional Associations

Pennsylvania Bar Association
Bar Association of Lehigh County

Community Involvement

Bar Association of Lehigh County,
Board of Directors
March of Dimes March for Babies,
Exec. Leadership Team, Co-Chair
Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of
Commerce Young Professional's
Council, Board of Directors