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Jill Lipman Beck concentrates her practice on a wide range of general litigation matters, applying her significant experience in litigation, legal research, legal writing, and appellate advocacy to advance the interests of her clients.

Jill rejoins the firm after running for judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, which hears appeals in civil, criminal, family, juvenile, and orphans' court cases throughout the state. Jill was highly recommended by the Allegheny County Bar Association and recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association in her first bid for statewide office, and received the highest vote totals in 53 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties.

Prior to joining Blank Rome, Jill was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Christine Donohue of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court where she conducted Pennsylvania, federal, and multistate legal research and drafted majority and minority opinions in all areas of the law addressing issues of first impression, questions of statewide public importance, state and federal constitutional claims, and cases that resulted in a sentence of capital punishment. Prior to this role, Jill also served as a law clerk for Justice Donohue during her term on the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

Jill began her legal career working as an attorney at KidsVoice, representing abused, neglected, and at-risk children in Allegheny County before magisterial district judges and in Juvenile Court, Orphans' Court, and the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

During law school, Jill was a member of the trial moot court board, co-chaired the Public Interest Law Association, and served as an editor of the law review. Upon graduating, she received the Distinguished Student Award and the International

Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court - Western District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- Allegheny County (PA) Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

Education

- George Washington University, BA, cum laude
- Duquesne University School of Law, JD, cum laude

Recognitions

- 2015, Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, by the Allegheny County Bar Association
- 2014, Presidential Merit Award, by the Allegheny County Bar Foundation
- 2014, Outstanding Public Service Award, by the Allegheny County Bar Association
- 2009, Children's Voice Award, by the Court Appointed Special Advocates

Professional Activities

Jill regularly volunteers for various community organizations and bar associations. Active in the Allegheny County Bar Foundation, she currently co-chairs its Loans and Scholarships Committee, is a member of its Grants Committee, and previously served as secretary of the Board of Trustees. Also involved in the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Jill is treasurer of the Appellate Advocacy Committee and serves on the Quality of Life/Balance Committee, Judicial Administration Committee, and the Commission on Women in the Profession, for which she is a mentor for newer attorneys. Jill is also a member of the board of the Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition.

Jill frequently takes on pro bono cases in both civil and criminal matters as well. She is a member of Blank Rome's Pro Bono Coordinating Committee and has brought several new pro bono initiatives to the firm.