



**MacMain  
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## Firm Newsletter

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### MacMain Connell & Leinhauser at DRI Governmental Liability Conference

The firm played a prominent role at the recently held DRI Governmental Liability Conference. The conference, which is the largest defense-oriented civil rights conference in the country, welcomed over 250 attendees to Nashville from August 19-21, 2021. The firm served as one of the sponsors of the Program. In addition, *Tricia Ambrose* hosted the Women in the Law luncheon, and *Janelle Fulton* served as Vice-Chair of the Committee's Diversity efforts.



*David MacMain* - the Immediate Past Chair of the Committee – moderated two sessions at the conference.

- The first session was a two-part presentation titled “A Look Back to the Future – Managing Crisis and Other Emergencies” and had a panel of 5 governmental leaders who discussed their thoughts and insights on how they managed crisis, ranging from the COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest, natural disasters, the health crisis, and the 2020 Nashville bombing. The panelists were Fredda Maddox, Esq., and Kevin Dykes - Sheriff and Chief of Chester County (PA) Sheriff's Office (PA) respectively; Jay Dardenne, Esq. – former Lt.

Governor of Louisiana and current Commissioner of Administration for Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards; Chris Dobbins – former Gaston County (NC) Health & Human Services Director; and Edward Yarbrough, Esq. – former US Attorney for Middle District of Tennessee.

- The second session was titled “Witness Preparation – It May be the Difference Between Winning and Losing” presented by Adam Boesen of Boesen Litigation Consulting in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Boesen discussed why witness preparation is vital to a case and how it can literally turn a losing case into a winning one.



## New Attorneys Join Our Firm



The *legal team* at *MacMain, Connell & Leinhauser* is proud to announce that two new attorneys joined the firm this past August: Christine Einerson and Kelsey Hoffman. Both attorneys share passion for the law and are committed to protecting the rights of their clients.

After graduating with honors from Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Public Relations, *Christine Einerson* worked at a law firm in Manhattan that focused on class-action lawsuits and then at the Manhattan District Attorney’s office. While at the District Attorney’s office, Christine worked in the Cybercrime and Identity Theft Bureau office and enrolled in Brooklyn Law School as a night school student, obtaining her Juris Doctorate in 2018. Upon graduation, Christine was appointed as an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia, working on successful misdemeanor and felony prosecutions. Christine joined MacMain, Connell & Leinhauser in August of 2021.

*Kelsey Hoffman* graduated in 2016 from West Chester University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in American History and Political Science and an Associate Degree in American Studies. Following graduation, Kelsey studied law at Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, where she obtained her Juris Doctorate in 2019. While at Drexel University, Kelsey worked pro bono for the Marshall-Brennan

Constitutional Literacy Project, was elected as Vice President of the Women in Law Society and held a summer clerkship at the Chester County Court of Common Pleas. Following graduation from law school, Kelsey joined a large national firm working in their Workers' Compensation department. Kelsey joined MacMain, Connell & Leinhauser in August of 2021.

## Matthew J. Connell Conducts Training for Correctional Professionals on the Litigation Process



*Matthew Connell* provided in-service training for correctional professionals focusing his presentation on explaining what a correctional officer can expect when the day comes that they find themselves as a named Defendant in a Federal Civil Rights lawsuit. The

presentation included training on the most commonly seen constitutional claims filed by inmates, the discovery process, and depositions.



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