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## AREAS OF PRACTICE:

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Joyce Novotny-Prettiman is an associate at QuatriniRafferty. She is a member of the Westmoreland, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations.

Ms. Novotny-Prettiman earned her B.A. in 1997 from Seton Hill College (summa cum laude) and her law degree from Duquesne University in 2000.

Ms. Novotny-Prettiman began practicing with the firm after her admission to the practice of law and is currently active in the areas of plaintiff personal injury litigation, long-term disability, and general civil litigation. She is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Joyce has been elected to serve as President-Elect of the Westmoreland Bar Association Board of Directors and is also a member of the following committees of the Westmoreland Bar Association: Civil Litigation and Lawyers Assistance Committee (chair). In regard to alternative dispute resolution matters, she has had mediation training and has been trained in the collaborative law process. She is also a member of the Ned J. Nakles American Inn of Court and serves as President for the Inn. She has been elected to the Westmoreland Academy of Trial Lawyers and is also a member of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice and the Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

Ms. Novotny-Prettiman was plaintiff's counsel in the case of Gallagher v. GEICO decided by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in January 2019 which invalidates the "household exclusion" regularly used by auto insurance carriers to deny the stacking of underinsured motorist benefits.

She is also active in the community and volunteers as a member of the parish council and as a lector at St. Benedict Church. She is a member of the board of directors for Laurel Faith in Action which is devoted to helping residents in the communities of Latrobe, Derry and Ligonier who are over 60 remain independent in their own homes, with dignity ([www.laurelfia.org](http://www.laurelfia.org)). She is a volunteer for CASA of Westmoreland ([www.westmorelandcasa.org](http://www.westmorelandcasa.org)) which is an agency that works to give children a voice in the court system when circumstances have placed that child in protective services. She has also been appointed to the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Board.

A lifelong resident of Unity Township, Ms. Novotny-Prettiman currently resides in the Latrobe-Greensburg area with her husband, Daniel.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania, 2000
- U.S. District Court Western District of Pennsylvania

## EDUCATION

- Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA  
J.D. - 2000
- Seton Hill College, Greensburg, PA  
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Major: Business Management

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Westmoreland Bar Association, Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- Ned J. Nakles American Inn of Court, Member and Officer
- Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- Westmoreland Academy of Trial Lawyers, Member
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum