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OVERVIEW:

Catherine is a seasoned attorney in the firm's Business and Litigation practice groups and a member of the Food & Agribusiness and Manufacturing industry groups. She advises food, agricultural, and manufacturing companies on regulatory compliance with state and federal agencies, helping clients navigate complex legal requirements while supporting their business operations. She has experience guiding clients through the intricacies of crisis management, food and product contamination and recall, insurance coverage, and casualty litigation matters.

Catherine advises clients on matters including Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws, co-packing agreements, private labeling, and other industry-specific issues. She combines a practical, solutions-oriented approach with a deep understanding of the regulatory and business challenges her clients face, helping them achieve their objectives efficiently and effectively. Her work also extends to broader business matters, including contract drafting, review and negotiation, corporate governance, and dispute resolution. Catherine's guidance enables food and agricultural companies to operate with confidence in a rapidly evolving legal and regulatory landscape.

A recognized leader in her field, Catherine was named to the Philadelphia Business Journal's 40 Under 40 List in 2022. Prior to joining Barley Snyder, Catherine practiced at an insurance coverage law firm in Montgomery County. Her experience representing insurers gives her valuable insight when advocating for clients on the business side.

EDUCATION:

- Temple University Beasley School of Law, J.D.
- Penn State University Schreyer Honors College, B.A. in English, Spanish and Global & International Studies

ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania
- New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Business
- Litigation

INDUSTRY GROUPS:

- Food & Agribusiness
- Manufacturing

RECOGNITIONS:

- 40 Under 40 Award Recipient, The Philadelphia Business Journal
- Albert H. Friedman Prize for Outstanding Performance on the Production of a Research Paper, Temple University Beasley School of Law
- Best Paper, Advanced Financial Regulation at Temple University Beasley School of Law

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Philadelphia Bar Association

PRESENTATIONS:

- "Virtual Workshop EPR Packaging Preparedness Working Group: Charting the Course for Your EPR Packaging Preparedness Plan and Support Team," American Conference Institute's EPR Think Tank Conference (January 2026)

CLERKSHIPS:

- Law Clerk to the Honorable Paul Innes in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Congressional Intern to Congressman Robert Brady (PA-01) in Washington DC

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