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OVERVIEW:

As a bilingual paralegal, Celia supports the Employment and Immigration attorneys at Barley Snyder. She assists with family and employment-based matters including Adjustments of Status, Naturalizations, employment petitions, and the preparation of USCIS applications. Before joining Barley Snyder, Celia worked with other immigration firms where she assisted with Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) cases, research on country conditions, translating legal documents and interpreting for clients.

Celia graduated from Elizabethtown College with a bachelor's degree in legal studies and a minor in political science. She aspires to continue growing her legal knowledge and expertise by working alongside such a knowledgeable and dedicated team. During her free time, Celia enjoys playing volleyball and being active.

EDUCATION:

- Elizabethtown College, B.A. in Legal Studies with a Minor in Political Science
- Harvard University, HarvardX Public Speaking Certificate

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Employment
- Immigration

RECOGNITIONS:

- Member of the Pi Sigma Alpha, Alpha Lambda Delta, Alpha Alpha Alpha Honor Society
- Honors in the Discipline of Legal Studies
- Mock Trial MVP award, 2022 & 2023

MEMBERSHIPS :

- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- National Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS :

- Backlash and Unintended Consequences of Immigration Policies in the U.S. Honors Thesis, 2024

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Legal Intern, The Shagin Law Group
- Legal Intern, Kollas and Kennedy
- Volunteer at Drexel Law's Pro Bono Initiative with Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC)