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Ms. Hall is a Manager of Legal Education for BARBRI, where she helps guide students through law school and aids in their success on the bar exam. She graduated from Widener University School of Law in May 2012, where she received the American Association of Justice – Best Overall Advocate Award. As a 2L, Ms. Hall advanced to the Quarterfinal Round of Moe Levine's Hugh B. Pierce Trial Advocacy Competition. Ms. Hall is a cum laude graduate of Northeastern University, receiving a B.S. in Criminal Justice. Prior to working for BARBRI, She spent time interning for the Office of the District Attorney in Philadelphia and is a member of the both Pennsylvania and New Jersey bars. She is proud to be the new face in the Philadelphia BARBRI office. She loves her role of mentoring students in law school and through the bar exam.