



Physicians and Health Care Professionals

Medical Malpractice

Our trial lawyers defend medical malpractice lawsuits in courts throughout Ohio. We regularly represent hospitals and individual physicians in jury trials addressing complex medical issues and treatment, including cutting edge medical issues involving genetics and medical technology. We have counseled and defended Nationwide Children's Hospital for decades.

In addition, our lawyers advise hospitals, medical groups, and medical staffs concerning issues of risk management, loss prevention, reporting under the federal National Practitioner Databank, *ad hoc* hearing presentations, reviewing staff privileges, and the requirements of the Health Care Quality Improvement Act. We also have counseled hospital and medical group Quality Assurance committees in the collection, use, and presentation of quality assurance statistical information.

In selected cases in Ohio, Virginia, and elsewhere, our lawyers have represented plaintiffs in malpractice litigation. Typically, those cases involve representation of health care professionals or are referred to the firm from health care professionals. Our trial lawyers are recognized as outstanding advocates on both sides of this type of litigation.

Professional Licensing and Discipline Issues

We also represent physicians and other health care professionals in connection with professional licensing and disciplinary matters. Such matters may arise without significant advance notice, through accusations by patients, colleagues, or others, as a result of normal oversight activities, or as a collateral consequence of medical malpractice litigation, credentialing disputes, fiscal audits by governmental and private insurers, health care fraud and abuse investigations, or criminal prosecutions. Our extensive experience in this area allows us to respond to all health care professional licensing board matters promptly and efficiently.

Our lawyers have represented clients before health care professional licensing boards in a wide variety of matters, ranging from full-blown litigation of disciplinary actions

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attempting to revoke a practitioner's professional license or seeking to impose other sanctions to assistance in solving administrative problems that may pose risks to a practitioner's ability to obtain, or retain, his license. All such matters are extremely important and must be handled carefully, prudently, and with discretion and a sense of perspective. Our lawyers provide creative and flexible representation tailored to our client's specific immediate and long-term interests – which may warrant an aggressive approach in certain cases and a low-key, pragmatic approach in other instances.