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## PRACTICES

Medical Malpractice Defense

## EDUCATION

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (J.D., 2007)

University of Michigan (B.A., 2000)

## ATTORNEY

Sarah is an attorney in Smith Haughey Rice and Roegge's medical malpractice defense practice group. Sarah focuses her practice primarily on the defense of hospitals, physicians, nurses, physician's assistants, nursing homes, and other healthcare professionals involved in medical malpractice litigation. Sarah has also worked for a national health system as a claims manager, giving her additional insights into the industry that she defends.

Sarah has experience handling complex critical care cases, as well as oncology, emergency medicine, wound care, orthopedic surgery, general nursing and other claims. Her experience includes alternative dispute resolution proceedings and all phases of litigation, including trial. In addition, she counsels and presents on EHR/EMR concerns, including patient confidentiality and HIPAA issues, as well as patient guardianship issues.

In addition to defending health care professionals, Sarah successfully defends corporations and individuals in lawsuits alleging premises liability, employment and general liability.

Sarah graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in anthropology. She then earned her J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

## ADMITTED

Michigan State Bar, 2007

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan,  
2007

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Michigan

Washtenaw County Bar Association, Member

Michigan Society of Healthcare Risk Managers, Member

## COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Michigan Medicine, University Hospital and Cardiovascular Center Executive Committee,  
Patient and Family Advisor

Michigan Medicine, University Hospital Patient and Family Advisory Council, Patient and  
Family Advisor

University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center's Patient and Family Advisory  
Council, E-Advisor

University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center's Patient and Family Advisory Board,  
Founding Former Board Member and Governance Officer

Jewish Family Service's Mentor Connection, Former Youth Mentor, Mentor of the Year

## PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Partner, Foley, Baron, Metzger & Juip, PLLC (2018-2021)

Associate Principal, Corbet, Shaw, Essad, Tucciarone & Bonasso, PLLC (2009-2018)

Area Claims Manager, Trinity Health - Michigan (2013-2014)