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PRACTICES

Medical Malpractice Defense

EDUCATION

Miami University (B.S. in Secondary Education, Social Studies, 1974)

The Institute for Paralegal Training (1974)

University of Detroit School of Law (J.D., 1981)

ATTORNEY

Cheri is a seasoned and highly regarded Michigan trial lawyer. In her 38-year career as a successful litigator, she has handled hundreds of cases - from claim filing to pretrial settlements to jury verdict and/or appeals as needed. She holds a coveted AV peer rating by Martindale-Hubbell, Inc., the highest rating offered by this prestigious organization. Cheri has tried cases and appeals before judges and juries in all county Circuit Courts in the Detroit tri-county area, Washtenaw County, Traverse City, Monroe, Adrian, as well as in Federal Court, the American Arbitration Association and the Michigan Supreme Court. As appropriate for each situation and case, she conducts detailed case assessments to determine whether settlement or trial will most likely attain the most favorable outcome for the client.

Cheri defends physicians and health care entities in medical malpractice cases involving all areas of medicine - from family practice, radiology technologists, nurses - to the more technical areas of obstetrics and gynecology, neurosurgery, orthopedics, urology, cardiology, gastroenterology, plastic surgery, radiology and cardiovascular surgery. She represents numerous health care facilities of all types who operate in Wayne, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Macomb counties, many of whom face claims throughout Michigan. In addition, Cheri will assist and advise on other commercial cases and claims.

Specific examples of her experience include:

Representation of a national drug company as Michigan Counsel in the defense of product liability claims relating to the ingestion of a medication manufactured by the company. She helped negotiate several favorable settlements on behalf of the company in conjunction with other national drug companies who manufactured the same medication.

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ADMITTED

State Bar of Michigan, 1981

Representation of a physician through trial to the Michigan Supreme Court where a verdict for the defense was affirmed. This case created the rule of law that allows a jury instruction to be given in medical malpractice cases that indicates bad results, in and of themselves, are not malpractice.

Successful representation of three pediatricians in a failure to diagnose meningitis case resulting in alleged catastrophic neurological injury to the child. This case was appealed to the Supreme Court and favorable defense law created regarding claims raised at trial must be consistent with allegations plead in the complaint.

Successful defense of a nationally prominent academic medical center in an admitted liability case regarding administration of a blood transfusion of the wrong blood type.

Successful representation of a radiologist in the death of a woman due to an alleged failure to diagnose a pulmonary embolism on x-ray.

Obtained a no cause judgment for action in a plastic surgery case of a young woman, after breast reduction. The allegation was disfigurement.

Obtained a no cause in a case alleging failure to properly diagnose an EKG resulting in death of a young man.

Successful defense of an obstetrician in a still birth case.

NOTEWORTHY

AV Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell

Member, American Board of Trial Advocates

Recipient, American Board of Trial Advocates "Presidential Recognition Award" 2020

Listed in Best Lawyers - Medical Malpractice Law, 2013-2023

Listed, Leading Lawyers (2014-2021) - Medical Malpractice Defense Law

Listed in Michigan Lawyers Weekly's Leaders in the Law, Class of 2013

Listed in the Michigan Super Lawyers (2014-2020) - Medical Malpractice Defense

Listed as a "Local Litigation Star" in Benchmark Litigation (2015, 2021) - Medical Malpractice Defense

Listed, DBusiness Top Lawyer (2015)

Recipient, American Physicians Outstanding Defense Award, 2010

Listed as one of Hour Detroit's "Top Women Attorneys in Michigan" (2016-2020)

Named to Best Lawyers Women in the Law (2016)

Listed as one of Hour Detroit's "Top Women Attorneys in Michigan" (2017)

Named to Michigan Lawyers Weekly Women in the Law (2018)

Recipient of the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel's "Excellence in Defense" award (2019)



PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Case Evaluator, Wayne County Circuit Court Member

Featured speaker, Lorman Education Services sponsored seminars

Fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation

Former Fellow, State Bar of Michigan (Member, Character and Fitness Committee)

Member, American Bar Association

Member, American Board of Trial Advocates

Member, Michigan Society of Hospital Risk Managers

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Board Member, Dawn Farms

Board Member and Vice President, Metro Health Foundation