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Our work in medical malpractice defense has been a cornerstone of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. Through our experience in representing hospitals, physicians and other health providers, we have earned a reputation as one of the outstanding medical malpractice defense firms.

## Medical Malpractice Attorneys

The Attorneys who defend medical malpractice cases have devoted virtually all of their practice defending medical malpractice cases. This intense focus led to the recognition of our medical malpractice attorneys as leading authorities in the field, who understand and coordinate the intricate medical issues and practice approaches which can make this litigation very complex. Our experience has also allowed our attorneys to develop expertise in, and focus their attention on, particular medical fields. The extensive experience of our senior trial attorneys' knowledge is unmatched in the region, and allows us to quickly and efficiently analyse complex medical care and develop a thorough defense strategy.

## Coordination with Leading Physicians

Our extensive experience and our integrity as lawyers have allowed us to develop very positive and trusting relationships with leading specialists, both regionally and nationally. These contacts are not limited solely to legal representation or physician work as expert witnesses. Our cooperative efforts have included frequent presentations on medical legal issues, in-house programs for physicians and hospital staff, and partnering with physicians to co-author medical textbooks and articles. These efforts have promoted an increased understanding of the medical and legal issues confronting our clients and strengthened our ties with the physician community across the country.

## Expert Review

The positive relationships we have developed with the medical community have also fostered a unique working relationship with leading physicians when there is a need for medical experts. Our qualifications and reputation allow us access to nationally renowned and highly credible physicians for consultation and expert review. Because of their trust and respect for the firm, we are often able to obtain consultation with these leading physicians on short notice. Our ability to utilize such leaders in the field as our experts means we do not rely on suspect expert witness services or overused experts whose credibility is subject to doubt and attack.

## GMH Medical Malpractice Attorneys

### LeRoy H. Wulfmeier, III

*Chair of Medical Malpractice Defense Section*

LeRoy is a partner in our litigation group with over 35 years of experience defending health care providers in complex medical malpractice cases. He represents physicians in all specialties as well as dentists, nurses and hospitals in a variety of malpractice and disciplinary proceedings.

### Bruce E. Bigler

*Medical Malpractice Defense*

Bruce is a shareholder in the firm, specializing in medical malpractice defense. He is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, with 30 years of experience in representing physicians and hospitals in complex medical malpractice actions.

### Donald K. Warwick

*Medical Malpractice Defense*

Donald is a shareholder in the firm, specializing in medical malpractice defense. He is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, with 23 years of experience in representing physicians and hospitals in complex medical malpractice actions.

### Anne E. Lawter

*Medical Malpractice Defense*

Anne has worked with hospitals and physicians on a wide variety of issues, including professional licensure and liability defense, medical-legal consultation, and administrative hearings. Anne also regularly works with her clients on risk management issues, helping clients to potentially pre-empt litigation. In addition to her work in healthcare law, Anne works in equine activity law.

### Jennifer A. Engelhardt

*Medical Malpractice Defense*

Jennifer concentrates her practice in the defense of hospitals, physicians, and other medical professionals. Jennifer primarily handles medical malpractice claims and regularly works with clients on general liability claims, as well as licensng and disciplinary issues.

### Victoria S. Lehman

*Medical Malpractice Defense*

Victoria focuses her practice primarily on the defense of hospitals and health care providers in medical malpractice litigation. Victoria also regularly works with her clients on premises liability and general negligence claims, as well as a wide variety of risk management issues.

### Christopher J. Ryan

*Medical Malpractice Defense*

Christopher focuses his practice on defending healthcare providers faced with claims of medical malpractice. He has experience in all stages of litigation including representing healthcare providers at alternative dispute resolution proceedings as well as at trial. He has been selected as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

### Jared M. Trust

*Medical Malpractice Defense*

Jared focuses his practice primarily on the defense of hospitals and health care providers in medical malpractice litigation. He also represents clients in defense of automobile accidents, licensing issues and other areas of general medical defense including premises liability.

## Experts in Related Fields

### Andrew T. Baran

*Chair of Employment and Labor Section*

Andrew concentrates his practice in the areas of labor and employment law. His practice includes all aspects of labor and employment law including NLRB proceedings, civil rights and wrongful discharge litigation, contract negotiations, and arbitration.

### William L. Hooth

*Employment and Labor*

Bill concentrates his practice in the areas of labor and employment law. His practice includes NLRB proceedings, civil rights and wrongful discharge litigation, contract negotiations, arbitration, and union election campaigns.

### William H. Heritage, III

*Chair of Corporate Section*

Will concentrates his practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, business formation and planning, corporate law and real estate law. Will's practice includes representation of small to large privately-held businesses.

### Bruce W. Haffey

*Corporate*

Bruce has handled complex business transactions for small and middle market business clients for over 25 years. He practices primarily in the areas of business planning, commercial transactions, mergers and acquisitions, franchise law and taxation.

### Thomas L. Treppa

*Real Estate*

Tom is a member of the real estate practice group and is involved extensively in the acquisition, sale and leasing of commercial real estate. His background in municipal law provides additional expertise in the areas of zoning and planning.

### George Mercer

*Real Estate*

George concentrates his practice in the areas of real estate law and mortgage lending. George has closed sophisticated real estate financing transactions involving economic development bonds, tax abatements, taxable notes, securitized loans, master leases and ground leases.

### Julius H. Giarmarco

*Estates & Trusts*

Julius is chair of the firm's Trusts and Estates Practice Group. His primary practice areas include estate planning, business succession planning, wealth transfer planning, and life insurance applications.

### Jennifer M. Savel

*Estates & Trusts*

Jennifer is a member of the firm's estate planning group. Her practice includes estate and wealth transfer planning, and estate and trust administration. Jennifer is well-versed in the preparation of federal estate tax returns and has negotiated federal estate tax audits with the Internal Revenue Service.

## Additional Expertise

### Legal Analysis

A successful medical malpractice defense depends on an intimate knowledge of both medicine and applicable law. The firm has continuously led efforts to promote tort reform legislation, giving us a unique understanding of the intricate statutory requirements and provisions. Our understanding of the complexities of these laws allow us to aggressively pursue defenses and have been instrumental in obtaining early dismissal of claims or limiting the scope of claims that are bought to trial.

### Trial Experience

Our firm's litigation philosophy is simple: Be Prepared To Try Every Case. Since the firm's inception, our medical malpractice attorneys have brought hundreds of cases to trial, and are truly "battle tested". Although, for many reasons, some cases resolve before trial, being prepared to try every case provides the strongest tactical advantage and places our clients in the best position to achieve a favorable outcome.

### Innovative Approaches and Cost-Effective Solutions

We fully appreciate the financial burden of lawsuits and strive to provide legal services in the most efficient and effective manner. Our background allows us to quickly and efficiently review medical records and process the extensive information commonly generated in a malpractice claim. We have introduced innovative approaches that can help minimize defense costs. We promote joint defense programs which foster a coordinated defense for multiple defendants to eliminate duplicative defense costs.