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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** *Board of Directors, Chair, Medical Malpractice Defense Section*

Mr. Wulfmeier 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.

**Donald K. Warwick** *Medical Malpractice Defense*

Mr. Warwick 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.

**Victoria S. Lehman** *Medical Malpractice Defense and Litigation*

Ms. Lehman focuses her practice primarily on the defense of hospitals and health care providers in medical malpractice litigation. She 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 and Litigation*

Mr. Ryan 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 and Litigation*

Mr. Trusts 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

**Julius H. Giarmarco** *Board of Directors, Chair, Trusts and Estates Practice Section*

Mr. Giarmarco, J.D., LL.M., is chair of the firm's Trust and Estates Practice Group. He received his law degree from Wayne State University and his master of laws from New York University. He is licensed to practice law in both Michigan and New York. Mr. Giarmarco's primary practice areas include estate planning, business succession planning, wealth transfer planning and life insurance applications. He is former instructor in both the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) and Certified Financial Planner (CFP) programs. Mr. Giarmarco has published numerous articles on estate planning that have appeared in professional journals and has also lecture frequently on a national basis.

**William H. Heritage, III** *Board of Directors, Chair, Business Practice Section*

Mr. Heritage concentrates his practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, business formation, planning and transactions, corporate law, health care law and real estate law. He has 20 years of experience in dealing with complex business and commercial transactions within a broad range of industries including the representation of small to large privately-held businesses.

**Andrew T. Baran** *Board of Directors, Chair, Employment and Labor Section*

Mr. Baran 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.

**George D. Mercer** *Chair, Construction and Real Estate Sections*

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

**Bruce W. Haffey** *Board of Directors, Corporate*

Mr. Haffey 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.

**William L. Hooth** *Labor and Employment*

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.

## 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 brought 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.