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Health Care Liability

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ADMISSIONS

New Jersey 2018

U.S. District Court District of New Jersey 2018

EDUCATION

Rutgers School of Law - Newark, NJ (J.D., 2017)

Rutgers University (B.S., summa cum laude, 2014)

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Justice Morris Pashman Inns of Court

New Jersey Defense Association

New Jersey Medical Malpractice Group

New Jersey State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, member; Health Law Committee, member

OVERVIEW

Justyn is experienced in handling all aspects of health care litigation, including the defense of physicians, nurses and hospitals in medical malpractice matters. In addition, he defends long-term care facilities in nursing home matters.

Justyn has extensive experience managing cases from initiation through trial preparation. With each stage of pre-trial discovery, Justyn communicates with his clients to determine the best path forward and possible resolution. He is skilled in analyzing affidavits of merit, drafting discovery requests and responses, any necessary motion, and appearing before the court for conferences and oral argument. Justyn has a significant history in drafting Appellate Motions, and appearing for oral argument on those motions. He has also prepared several cases for trial and sat second-chair on trial.

Justyn earned his bachelor of science, *summa cum laude*, at Rutgers University in 2014, and earned his juris doctor at Rutgers School of Law in 2017.

Outside of practicing law, Justyn enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing guitar, and catching the occasional Phillies or Eagles game.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

A Hospital's Metadata Is Subject to Inspection in New Jersey Medical Malpractice Matters

Mount Laurel

Electronic Medical Record & Audit Trail Litigation

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Key Points: Defense Digest, Vol. 29, No.

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Had a significant role in the management of a matter involving motions filed to preserve the client's claims for contribution against several settling codefendants. Plaintiff and co-defendants opposed the respective motions. This led to extensive motion practice and a lengthy oral argument. The defense's motions were supported by the Joint Tortfeasor Act, as well as case law which allows for claims of contribution to be preserved. During lengthy oral argument, the court directed a consent order be entered which preserved the client's crossclaims. The client would later be settled out of the matter.

Sat second chair at trial with responsibilities including participating in jury selection, preparing for examination of witnesses, and drafting opening statements. Drafted pretrial submissions, in limine motions and prepared evidence for trial presentation. The matter settled during the early stages of the trial.

Part of the team that managed a case involving summary judgment dismissal of the client based upon their limited involvement as well as the lack of any expert testimony criticizing her care of the patient. Summary judgment was granted, and the matter settled a few weeks after the disposition of this motion.

Involved in the management of a matter opposing plaintiff's motion to amend the complaint to include new parties. The motion was opposed based upon the readily available identity of the parties since the complaint was filed, compounded with plaintiff's lack of a good-faith basis explaining the delay to add the parties. The plaintiff's motion was denied.

Involved in the management of a matter, where, after several case management conferences and request to depose plaintiff's expert, a summary judgment motion was filed based upon plaintiff's failure to present their expert witness. The motion was granted and the matter was dismissed.