

MEGAN J. NELSON

ASSOCIATE



AREAS OF PRACTICE

Health Care Liability
Long-Term Care Liability
Premises & Retail Liability

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ADMISSIONS

Florida
2019

EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University,
Shepard Broad College of Law
(J.D., cum laude, 2019)

Texas A&M University Corpus
Christi (B.S., 2014)

Del Mar College (ADN, 2009)

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Central Florida Medical
Malpractice Claims Council

Florida State Guardianship
Association

Orange County Bar Association

YEAR JOINED

2020

OVERVIEW

Megan devotes her practice to representing hospitals, physicians, nurses, long-term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and other healthcare providers in the defense of medical malpractice and negligence claims, along with premises and general liability claims.

Megan also represents nurses and other medical providers who are facing administrative or regulatory discipline by their governing medical licensing boards.

In addition to health care defense, Megan assists hospitals, long-term care facilities, and skilled nursing facilities with the initiation of petitions for determination of incapacity and the appointment of plenary guardians for patients who are unable to make their own medical and financial decisions. Megan also assists hospitals, long-term care facilities, and skilled nursing facilities with patients and family who "stay against medical advice."

Megan began her career as a firefighter for her hometown volunteer fire department and has utilized her knowledge as a firefighter to represent fire academies in lawsuits.

Megan has been a Registered Nurse since 2010. Before becoming a lawyer, she worked as a neonatal and pediatric critical care nurse in various settings, including the neonatal intensive care unit, pediatric intensive care unit, pediatric cardiac intensive care unit, and pediatric emergency room. She received The Daisy Award For Extraordinary Nurses in August 2013. Her experience also included patients on ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) and cardiac bypass. Megan's background in nursing helps to bridge the gap between medicine and the law.

Megan is a frequent lecturer on medical and nursing topics, including incident reporting, guardianships, and AI (artificial intelligence). She is a member of the Florida State Guardianship Association, Central Florida Medical Malpractice Claims Council, and the Orange County Bar Association.

Megan graduated from Del Mar College with an Associate's Degree in Nursing and Texas A&M University Corpus Christi with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Megan graduated cum laude from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law with a Juris Doctor.

When she is not working, Megan volunteers her time at The Sanctuary at Lakota Farms, where she helps care for horses that have been rescued.

CERTIFICATIONS

Florida Nursing License

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Florida Tort Reform: The Impact of House Bill 837 on Health Care Litigation

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May 1, 2024

On March 24, 2023, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill 837 into law. The Quarterly Dose – May 2024, has been prepared for our read

Presuit investigation not required as language in complaint against medical facility alleged general negligence, not medical negligence.

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April 1, 2022

A trial court determined that a presuit investigation was not required as the language in the complaint against a medical facility alleged general negligence, not medical negligence. Case Law Alerts, 1st Quarter, April

Court of Appeal again affirms: Past medical bills paid in full satisfaction by Medicare are inadmissible. Certifies question to FL Supreme Court: Are past medical expenses barred as evidence of Medicare benefits for jury's consideration?

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October 1, 2021

Margaret Volin sued Gulfstream Park Racing and Casino for negligence after falling on the property and breaking her hip. Case Law Alerts

Am I Getting Fired? How to Handle Meetings With Your Facility's Attorney

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September 22, 2021

COVID-19 and Florida's Health Care Provider Liability Protection

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June 1, 2021

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CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Tort Reform: Where Do We Go From Here?, Florida Society for Healthcare Risk Management & Patient Safety Annual Meeting & Education Conference, Orlando, FL, August 16, 2024

Adversity in the World of Adverse Incident Reporting: A Panel Discussion on Reporting Requirements and Addressing Related Discovery, Florida Society for Healthcare Risk Management & Patient Safety Annual Meeting & Education Conference, Orlando, FL, August 13, 2021

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Am I Getting Fired? How to Handle Meetings With Your Facility's Attorney," *Orlando Medical News* (page 12), September 2021

"COVID-19 and Florida's Health Care Provider Liability Protection," *Defense Digest*, June 2021, Vol. 27, No. 3

RESULTS

Summary Judgment for Daycare Center in Wrongful Death Case.

General Liability

May 7, 2021

We prevailed on a motion for summary judgment related to the duty owed to a minor business invitee in an alleged wrongful death. The plaintiff, the personal representative of the estate of a minor, filed a wrongful death claim alleging the defendant daycare center breached its duty to exercise the reasonable care owed to the minor while he was under the care and supervision of the center.