

## MEGAN J. NELSON

ASSOCIATE



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Health Care 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

### **Claims for a Hospital's Negligent Credentialing Must Be Addressed With Sufficient Facts in a Corroborating Expert Affidavit During the Presuit Investigation Period**

**Orlando**  
**Health Care Liability**  
**October 1, 2025**

The Third District Court of Appeal affirmed a motion to dismiss related to a negligent credentialing claim on the basis that the presuit corroborating expert affidavit was deficient.

### **Duty Owed to Substance Abuse and Suicidal Patients: New Court Ruling Lays Out a Duty Providers Have to a Patient Prior to Discharge Related to Treatments After Discharge**

**Orlando**  
**Behavioral Health Risk & Liability**  
**October 1, 2025**

The Third District Court of Appeal reversed an order granting summary judgment in favor of an addiction treatment facility, holding the facility did not have a duty to prevent the decedent's suicide after discharge, but it did have a duty to attempt.

## **LEGAL ROUNDUP – Florida**

**Orlando**  
**Health Care Liability**  
**August 1, 2025**

Duty Owed to Substance Abuse and Suicidal Patients: New Court Ruling Lays Out a Duty Providers Have to a Patient Prior to Discharge Related to Treatments After Discharge Claims for a Hospital's Negligent Credentialing Must Be Addressed with Sufficient Facts in a Corroborating Expert Affidavit During the Presuit Investigation Period The Quarterly Dose – August 2025, has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey.

### **New Rules, New Risks: Florida's Latest Health Care Legislation Explained**

**Orlando**  
**Health Care Liability**  
**Long-Term Care Liability**  
**Miscellaneous Professional Liability**  
**Behavioral Health Risk & Liability**  
**Birth & Catastrophic Injury Litigation**  
**August 1, 2025**

On July 1, 2025, the following laws were enacted and may affect health care providers in Florida. These legislative changes introduce updates to regulatory compliance, patient care protocols and provider responsibilities. The Quarterly Dose – August 2025, has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey.

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

**Orlando**  
**Health Care Liability**  
**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

## CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

*The Latest on Medical AI Innovation, Legal Liability and Claims*, Florida Society for Healthcare Risk Management & Patient Safety Annual Meeting & Education Conference, Orlando, FL, August 14, 2025

*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.

## SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Was successful in having a Florida Rule 5.900 Petition for Expedited Judicial Intervention Concerning Medical Treatment Procedure granted. The alleged incapacitated person had been medically cleared for discharge to a skilled nursing facility. However, his brother, who had been appointed as the health care surrogate and power of attorney, had refused to consent to his brother's transfer to any skilled nursing facility. After numerous unsuccessful attempts by the hospital case management team to transfer the patient, Megan was retained to file a Florida Rule 5.900 Petition for Expedited Judicial Intervention Concerning Medical Treatment Procedures. After the emergency evidentiary hearing, the court granted the petition and ordered the brother to consent to the transfer of the patient to a skilled nursing facility.