

## JUSTIN F. JOHNSON

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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Health Care Liability

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### ADMISSIONS

New Jersey  
1989

U.S. District Court District  
of New Jersey  
1989

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### EDUCATION

The Elisabeth Haub  
School of Law at Pace  
University (J.D., 1989)

Drake University (B.S.,  
1986)

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## HONORS & AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in  
America®, Medical  
Malpractice Law -  
Defendants  
2025-2026

The Best Lawyers in  
America®, Health Care  
Law  
2024

New Jersey Super  
Lawyers  
2026

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methodology can be found  
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Court of New Jersey.*

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## ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

American Society for  
Pharmacy Law

Central Illinois  
Pharmaceutical  
Association

Joint Committee of Essex  
County Medical and Bar  
Associations

New Jersey State Bar  
Association, Member,  
Medical Malpractice  
Committee

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## YEAR JOINED

2007

## OVERVIEW

Justin practices in the areas of medical malpractice, nursing home liability and state board disciplinary actions. He became a shareholder in 2007, and he is one of only approximately 300 attorneys in the United States who also holds a pharmacy degree. Justin is a licensed pharmacist in Iowa (1986) and Illinois (1987), and his knowledge of pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, toxicology, physiology and anatomy are well utilized in the firm's Health Care Liability Practice Group.

Justin has handled several hundred medical malpractice matters and has taken nearly 120 cases to trial. Ninety percent of all verdicts were defense verdicts, and roughly 30 of his cases ended in a verdict or mid-trial settlement significantly below the settlement demands. He has represented a considerable number of physicians and pharmacists at state board disciplinary proceedings. He successfully obtained favorable trial verdicts in multiple cases involving potentially high jury awards, including matters involving limb loss, kidney/liver injury, wrongful birth and wrongful death by demonstrating that the physicians were not negligent in the care and treatment that they rendered to their patients. He also handled a case for a physician involved in the Ortho Evra patch mass litigation.

Justin received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from Drake University in 1986. While at Drake, he received various honors, including The Norcliff-Thayer Publishing Grant, election into the Order of Omega (honor society), and inclusion on the Dean's List. Justin received his *juris doctor* from Pace University School of Law in June 1989 where he was involved in the Health Law Program.

After serving a judicial internship with the Honorable John Marbach in the New York Supreme Court, Justin became associated with Jeffrey A. Krompier, Esquire, of Florham Park, New Jersey, from 1989 through 1992. In 1992, Justin became associated with Michael J. Lunga, Esquire of Fairfield, New Jersey, and became a partner at their newly named firm Lunga, Evers & Johnson in 1995. He remained at that firm until he joined Marshall Dennehey in 2007.

Justin is admitted to the bar in New Jersey and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, and he is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and the American Society for Pharmacy Law. He was appointed to the Medical Malpractice Committee of the New Jersey State

Bar Association, as well as the Joint Committee of Essex County Medical and Bar Associations.

Justin is an active member of the community, serving as a member of the Harrington Park Lions Club and, when his daughters were younger, serving as a board member and coach of several recreational and travel softball and basketball programs. He is also a consistory member and first vice-president of the Community Church of Harrington Park, New Jersey.

### **Marshall Dennehey Announces 2026 New Jersey Super Lawyers And Rising Stars**

March 20, 2026

Eight attorneys from Marshall Dennehey's Mount Laurel and Roseland, New Jersey offices have been selected to the 2026 edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers magazine.

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### **98 Marshall Dennehey Attorneys Recognized in the 2026 Editions of The Best Lawyers in America® and the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America**

August 20, 2025

Marshall Dennehey is proud to highlight the firm's 98 attorneys who have been recognized in the 2026 editions of The Best Lawyers in America® and the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America. Less than 6% of all practicing lawyers in the U.S.

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### **Marshall Dennehey Named 2023 New Jersey Regional Litigation Department of the Year Winner by The American Lawyer**

December 5, 2023

Marshall Dennehey was named the 2023 New Jersey Regional Litigation Department of the Year winner at The American Lawyer Industry Awards held November 16, 2023 in New York City.

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### **On the Pulse...Our Roseland, New Jersey, Office**

#### **Roseland**

#### **September 1, 2023**

In February 1993, Roseland became the home of Marshall Dennehey's North Jersey office. Its lone member, Howard Mankoff, was the original local managing attorney, and he is still with us today. Defense Digest,

Vol. 29, No.

**CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT**

*Risk Management Rounds in Anesthesia, MDAvantage, March 17, 2015*

## RESULTS

### no-cause jury verdict secured in wrongful death trial

#### **Health Care Liability**

**March 24, 2026**

We successfully obtained a no-cause jury verdict in a 13-day wrongful death trial. The decedent, a 59-year-old man, was admitted to the emergency room on February 15, 2019, with complaints of abdominal pain, decreased appetite, and constipation, despite the use of laxatives. The patient did not complain of any nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. He had a significant medical history including diabetes, hypertension, prior coronary artery stenting, morbid obesity (with past gastric bypass surgery), longstanding ventral hernia, and back pain.

### unanimous verdict obtained in a medical malpractice matter in Bergen County, New Jersey

#### **Health Care Liability**

**February 23, 2026**

We received a unanimous defense verdict of behalf of our clients. The plaintiff was a seven-year-old girl who presented with a sacral aneurysmal bone cyst, an expansile, lytic lesion that destroyed sacral bone and was causing compression on her lower lumbar and sacral nerve roots. The plaintiff experienced the inability to control her bladder and bowel post-operatively, and had no sensation in her sex organs.

### Summary Judgment Secured in a Complex Medical Malpractice Case

#### **Health Care Liability**

**May 2, 2024**

We obtained summary judgment on behalf of an obstetrician in a medical malpractice action. The plaintiff alleged that our client did not obtain the requisite informed consent from the plaintiff to undergo a trial of labor after having two prior cesarean section deliveries (TOLAC x2). The court

found that the plaintiff's lack of informed consent claim was without foundation as she had an awareness of the risks of TOLAC x2.

## Directed Verdict Obtained in a Subacute Rehab Case

### **Health Care Liability**

**October 11, 2023**

We secured a directed verdict in a subacute rehab case in New Jersey. The plaintiffs claimed their father, who suffered from dysphagia, was negligently left unattended to choke and die in his room by the nursing staff while eating breakfast. At the close of plaintiff's case, three motions for directed verdict were made. The court eventually agreed that the plaintiffs had not met their burden on causation with the expert testimony.

## **SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

Received a unanimous defense verdict of behalf of a neurosurgeon and neurosurgical practice. The plaintiff presented with a sacral aneurysmal bone cyst that was causing compression on her lower lumbar and sacral nerve roots. Post-surgery, the plaintiff's experts alleged that the lower sacral nerve roots were transected by the defendants during the surgery. The defendants (and their experts) contended that the nerves were not transected, but instead were further injured by the necessary manipulation involved in removing the tumor — a recognized and accepted potential complication of this type of surgery.

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