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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Health Care Liability
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Long-Term Care Liability

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ADMISSIONS

New Jersey
1980

New York
1980

U.S. District Court District of
New Jersey
1980

U.S. District Court District of
New York
1990

EDUCATION

Hofstra University School of
Law (J.D., 1980)

Rutgers, the State University
of New Jersey (B.A., 1977)

OVERVIEW

As a member of the Health Care Department, Frank devotes much of his practice to the litigation of medical malpractice, long-term care/nursing home liability and municipal liability cases. He has handled several hundred medical malpractice claims and lawsuits.

Frank joined Marshall Dennehey as a shareholder in 2006, following 16 years as a partner at the defense firm of McDermott & McGee, where he concentrated in the defense of medical malpractice cases on behalf of physicians and in defending municipalities in civil rights and personal injury lawsuits.

Frank has represented physicians, dentists and podiatrists in health care liability/medical malpractice actions. He has taken approximately 100 cases to trial and has received a defense verdict rate in excess of 90 percent. He has successfully defended physicians in numerous cases with the potential for high jury awards, including cases involving multiple amputations, wrongful death claims, wrongful birth claims and claims for wrongful death of a fetus, by either establishing that the physician was not negligent or not the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries. Frank has also successfully defended numerous municipalities in personal injury claims and alleged civil rights violations.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Frank P. Leanza Named a BTI Consulting Group 2020 Client Service All-Star

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December 9, 2020

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New Jersey's Appellate Division Alters the Landscape of Nursing Home Litigation

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Long-Term Care Liability

September 1, 2015

By Frank P. Leanza, Esq. and Ryan T. Gannon, Esq.* Key Points: Defense Digest, Vol. 21, No. 3, September 2015

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Aspects of Medical Malpractice Litigation, Conventus and Omni Eye Services, May 2012

The Doctor's Deposition -- Likely the Most Important Day of the Case, MD Advantage Insurance Company, October 2010

PUBLISHED WORKS

"New Jersey's Appellate Division Alters the Landscape of Nursing Home Litigation," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 21, No. 3, September 2015

RESULTS

Jury Decides Bariatric Surgeon Did Not Deviate from Accepted Standards of Care

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January 22, 2016

Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice action against a bariatric surgeon. The plaintiff had initially named the anesthesia and nursing teams as defendants; however, they were all dismissed before trial. The surgeon client performed a second revision gastric bypass procedure on the plaintiff. Following the 12-hour operation, the plaintiff was diagnosed with a brachial plexus injury that left her with deficits in her left arm and hand. Through her experts, the plaintiff alleged that the brachial plexus injury was caused by the plaintiff's arms being overex-

Jury Sides With Defense in Complex Medical Malpractice Trial

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June 8, 2015

Obtained a defense verdict after a five-week medical malpractice trial in New Jersey. The plaintiffs alleged that our clients, an emergency medicine physician and a nurse practitioner, failed to diagnose and test for a subarachnoid hemorrhage (brain bleed) in a patient who came to the Emergency Department with a non-traumatic nosebleed and hypertension. When she arrived at the ER, the 59-year-old plaintiff was evaluated by the nurse practitioner, who performed a full exam of the patient and treated the nosebleed with nasal packing.