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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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Long-Term Care Liability

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ADMISSIONS

New Jersey
1989

Pennsylvania
1989

U.S. District Court Eastern
District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

Temple University School of
Law (J.D., 1989)

Boston University, Sargent
College (B.S., 1985)

OVERVIEW

As a supervising attorney for the Health Care Liability Practice Group, Lynne coordinates and oversees the work of three attorneys who handle cases throughout eight New Jersey counties. Lynne's role is vital to ensuring that client matters are handled promptly, professionally and effectively. Lynne also serves as the co-chair of the Long-Term Care Liability Practice Group.

Lynne has been a trial attorney for 30 years and has litigated hundreds of cases in the state courts of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She has provided legal counsel to physicians, hospitals, nurses, allied health professionals, dentists, nursing homes and physician practices.

Lynne received a Bachelor of Science degree from Sargents College of Allied Health Professionals at Boston University in 1985. After completing internships at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Eugenia Hospital, Lynne became a licensed occupational therapist. She later enrolled at Temple University School of Law to pursue a career that combined her health care education with the practice of law.

Lynne has spent her legal career defending practitioners and facilities in the health care industry.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Med Mal Litigation and Social Media Records: Where Is N.J. Headed?

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May 14, 2014

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

What is Your Case Worth?, Marshall Dennehey Health Care and Health Law Seminar, November 9, 2017

New Jersey Case Law Update, Health Care Law Seminar, Marshall Dennehey, November 9, 2016

Avoiding and Defending Nursing Home Litigation, American College of Health Care Administrators 50th Annual Convocation & Exposition, April 20, 2016

Mock Trial: Lessons from the Bar and Risk Management, American Professional Agency, Inc., March 23, 2016

Affidavit of Merit, Experts and the Net Opinion Rule Seminar, New Jersey State Bar Association Summer CLEFest, August 14, 2015

Sex and the Facility: Understanding and Reducing Liabilities, American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living Annual Conference, October 5, 2014, Washington, D.C.

Sex and the Facility - Starring the Defense, 2013 Trends in Health Care and Health Law Seminar, Marshall Dennehey, November 7, 2013

Long-Term Care, Hospicomm, April 4, 2012

Nursing Home Litigation - How to Handle and Defend a Case, Allied World Assurance Company, January 2012

When You Are First Sued, What to Do and What Not to Do and the Processes of a Medical Negligence Claim, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, program for medical residents and physicians, Spring 2010

Annual Seminar for Clients and Risk Managers, Princeton Insurance Company

Risk Management and Dental Claims, Eastern Dentists Insurance Company

Mock Trial Demonstration, South Jersey Medical Office Managers Society, Conventus Insurance Company

Seminars given at local hospitals for interns and residents, CME credits

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Med Mal Litigation and Social Media Records: Where is New Jersey Headed?" *New Jersey Law Journal*, May 19, 2014

"Doctor's Personal Characteristics Not Relevant to Claims of Informed Consent," The Redwoods Group Dentists Insurance Program, Monthly Article, January 2002 and *Defense Digest*, 2001-10, Vol. 7, No. 5

"Defending the Discovery Rule," *Defense Digest*, Spring 1993

RESULTS

Medical Malpractice Case Dismissed in the New Jersey Appellate Division.

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April 11, 2019

The case involved a woman with significant cardiac problems who suffered cardiac arrest and death. Her estate alleged that our clients, a medical resident and an intern, improperly administered certain pharmaceuticals, leading to her death. The plaintiff originally named two physicians as experts, a cardiologist who was offered to testify to the standard of care, and a physician board certified in occupational medicine, medical toxicology and emergency medicine, who was initially named to give testimony on causation.

Court Finds Social Worker's Correspondence with Family Court Immune from Liability

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December 1, 2017

Obtained summary judgment for a licensed clinical social worker in a negligence, defamation, fraud and intentional infliction of emotional distress case. The plaintiff (the father, a police officer and president of the local school board) brought these claims after the social worker informed the Family Court of the children's allegations of physical and emotional abuse by the plaintiff, which were revealed to her during the minor children's therapy sessions.

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented general surgeon called in to perform emergency laparoscopic appendectomy. Five days after uneventful surgery and discharge, plaintiff is transported via medivac to a tertiary care facility for an emergent splenectomy. Defense successfully utilized literature and expert testimony both on direct and cross examination that, however rare, splenic injury can occur after laparoscopic procedure due to the insufflation of the abdomen in the presence of adhesions. Jury returned a verdict for the defense.

Represented mental health institution whereby a depressed and bipolar 28-year-old father and husband was receiving outpatient treatment when he locked himself in his truck, covered himself with gasoline and struck a match, only to survive. Plaintiff suffered second and third degree burns over more than 70 percent of his body. He lived severely disfigured with no facial features and no arms below the elbows. Plaintiff claimed defendant facility failed to recognize plaintiff's suicide risk and was ill-equipped to handle patients with a dual diagnosis. Successfully defended at mediation.

Jury returned a defense verdict for general surgeon who took an 89-year-old to surgery for treatment of diverticulitis and made the medical judgment not to remove the affected colon once the patient's vital signs took a turn for the worse during surgery. Decision to get the patient out of surgery and treat with antibiotics was not successful as the patient died within 48 hours. Defense convinced the jury that the surgeon was not negligent, rather, he exercised medical judgment in making this decision.

Defendant hospital granted summary judgment in a case where it was alleged the hospital failed to provide an appropriate and complete background check subsequent to employing a nurse who was later accused of killing patients within the institution. Claims dismissed on jurisdiction and lack of patient-physician relationship.

Obtained a defense directed verdict in a nursing home trial against a well-known plaintiffs' firm. Allegations included violations of the NJ Nursing Home statute with damages for a Stage IV decubiti, loss of dignity and requests for statutory counsel fees. Testimony from ex-employees and family members was introduced to suggest the resident was left for many hours unattended, double diapered and dirty. Plaintiffs never came off a \$1 million dollar demand.