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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Health Care Liability
Long-Term Care Liability
Affordable Care Act

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ADMISSIONS

Ohio
1996

U.S. District Court Northern District
of Ohio
2008

EDUCATION

Cleveland State University College
of Law (J.D., 1996)

Baldwin Wallace University (B.A.,
cum laude, 1993)

HONORS & AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America®,
“Lawyer of the Year,” Cleveland,
Litigation - Health Care
2025

The Best Lawyers in America®,
Litigation - Health Care; Medical
Malpractice Law - Defendants
2022-2026

Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star
2011-2012

OVERVIEW

As a member of the Health Care Department, Leslie focuses her practice on the representation of medical professionals and providers, including physicians, hospitals and nursing home/extended care facilities. She serves as the chair of the firm's Affordable Care Act Practice Group, assisting clients in litigation involving catastrophic future damages. She is also the co-chair of the Long-Term Care Liability Practice Group. Leslie is an experienced litigator who has spent her 25-year legal career defending matters related to catastrophic medical malpractice, medical device and pharmaceutical liability, and long-term care. She has also handled veterinary negligence matters and matters before the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board.

Leslie is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM). In this role, she counsels and advises clients on the prevention, reduction and control of loss within their organizations. She works together with health care providers to assess, manage and update their risk management programs.

Leslie was recognized as the 2025 Cleveland “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of Litigation - Health Care by the Best Lawyers organization. She is a member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, American Society for Healthcare Risk Management, DRI and several bar associations. She is a frequent speaker at events hosted by hospitals, nursing homes and professional organizations.

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Healthcare Risk Management

Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Ohio State Bar Association

YEAR JOINED

2013

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

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

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Defense Victory: Summary Judgment Granted for Corporate Nursing Home Defendants in Medical Negligence Case

**Cleveland
Harrisburg
Health Care Liability
May 1, 2025**

Leslie M. Jenny and Gabriella M. Wittbrod, both of our Cleveland, OH office, were granted summary judgment on behalf of their corporate nursing home clients in this medical negligence case. Judge Phillip S. The Quarterly Dose – May 2025, has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey.

Defense Victory: Summary Judgment Granted for Corporate Nursing Home Defendants in Medical Negligence Case

**Cincinnati
Long-Term Care Liability
Health Care Liability
April 11, 2025**

Leslie M. Jenny and Gabriella M. Wittbrod, both of our Cleveland, OH office, were granted summary judgment on behalf of their corporate nursing home clients in this medical negligence case. Judge Phillip S. Legal Updates for Long-Term Care Liability – April 11, 2025

On the Pulse...Cleveland Office Profile

**Cleveland
September 1, 2024**

Marshall Dennehey's Cleveland, Ohio, office is in the heart of the city's downtown. Defense Digest, Vol. 30, No.

109 Marshall Dennehey Attorneys Recognized in the 2025 Editions of The Best Lawyers in America® and the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America

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CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Hot Topics: Regulatory and Related Changes in Healthcare, PLUS Medical PL Symposium, Chicago, IL, March 14, 2017

Impact of Affordable Care Act on Future Damages, Health Care Law Seminar, Marshall Dennehey, November 9, 2016

Application of ACA to Reduce Future Damages, Medical Liability Insurance ExecuSummit, Uncasville, CT, September 14, 2016

The Affordable Care Act: Changing the Health Care System and Medical Malpractice, Health Care and Health Law Seminar, Marshall Dennehey, November 5, 2015

Review of Claims and Other Legal Actions Involving Unprofessional Behavior by Physicians and Staff, Risk Management/Patient Safety Seminars for 2012, Lexington Insurance Company/Chartis, 2012

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Admissibility of State Survey Results in Long-Term Care Litigation," *Defense Digest*, Vol 23, No. 4, December 2017

"Practical Defense Considerations: Building the Foundation to Apply the ACA to Reduce Future Damages," *PLUS Journal*, December 2016

"Court Ruling Demonstrates ACA's Power to Reduce Future Medical Expenses," *Journal of Healthcare Risk Management*, Volume 35, Number 4, April 2016

RESULTS

Defense Verdict in Ohio Medical Malpractice Case

Health Care Liability

January 27, 2025

We obtained a medical malpractice defense verdict on behalf of a skilled nursing facility in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court in Cleveland, Ohio. The children of an 82-year-old skilled nursing resident brought a lawsuit after their mother developed shingles and associated meningitis and passed away. They claimed the facility had inadequate infection control and failed to identify signs/symptoms of developing changes in their mother's condition.

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a nursing home in Cuyahoga County. The case involved a 75-year-old resident who fell, fracturing his hip, and died. The medical examiner ruled that the death was accidental and due to the fall. The plaintiff claimed inadequate fall precautions and failure to assess appropriately after the fall against the skilled nursing facility, and requested punitive damages. The plaintiff's Final Pretrial Statement demanded \$7 million. After three days of trial, the judge granted a directed verdict for the defense.