

HEALTHCARE LITIGATION & ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

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ADMINISTRATIVE & REGULATORY MATTERS:

Our attorneys have represented practitioners and institutional providers in a diversity of administrative settings, including licensure, accreditation, disciplinary actions and denials or restrictions of staff privileges. Retention of counsel at the onset of an incident can enable a proper investigation. Early presentations to the applicable department can often prevent further administrative action. We are uniquely aware of the sensitivity of peer review and disciplinary actions and work to ensure the procedures are kept confidential and immune from discovery in civil actions. We also offer assistance defending False Claims Act, Stark and Anti-Kickback Statute actions brought against our clients.

DRUG & MEDICAL DEVICE:

Our Drug & Medical Device Litigation Group handles claims arising from the design, manufacture, sale or distribution of medications, pharmaceuticals or surgical or medical devices. Attorneys in our group not only have handled the primary defense of cases against drug and device manufacturers, but also have served as local counsel in the defense of claims brought against national and international manufacturers of pharmaceuticals and similar products. The group adapts to the particular needs of any situation, whether it is defending a small series of cases arising from a particular implant or device, or assisting in the management of hundreds of cases from all over the country.

HOSPITAL LIABILITY:

Historically viewed as the quintessential "deep pocket" in medical malpractice litigation, healthcare institutions are common targets of litigation. This is the result of not only the increasing centralization of our health care delivery system, but also of the pressure exerted by un- or under-insured individual practitioners. Our Hospital Liability

Healthcare Litigation & Administrative Proceedings

Group has over two decades of experience in representing hospitals in medical malpractice and related litigation. Our group also provides counsel in regulatory and risk management matters, issues relating to credentialing of healthcare professionals and employment relations in the healthcare field.

LONG-TERM CARE:

Long-term care is a specialized, highly regulated field responsible for the care of the elderly and ill members of Florida's population. Our attorneys, paralegals and other staff members are experienced and dedicated to the defense of institutions that provide long-term care. Our Long-Term Care/Nursing Home Group provides advice and handles cases involving arbitration, incident response, Chapter 400 civil liability, investigations by state agencies, Medicaid/Medicare fraud, and resident-on-resident abuse. Our group can also help resolve any criminal ramifications arising out of these situations.

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE:

Our Medical Malpractice Group has handled hundreds of medical negligence cases for physicians, hospitals, nurses, nurse practitioners, and other healthcare professionals, both insured and self-insured. The group's vast experience includes assessing insurance coverage issues, health care licensure and credentialing issues, and counseling clients regarding contractual matters, managed care issues, risk management and other healthcare related legalities.