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Nataliana (Talia) devotes her practice to medical malpractice litigation, defending the interests of physicians, dentists, nurses, hospitals, and other health care providers and institutions. She is experienced in all aspects of litigation, and brings hands on trial experience, including examining expert witnesses and presenting complex medical issues to juries. Talia also represents health care providers in licensing and disciplinary board matters. In addition to her litigation work, Talia advises clients on effective risk management strategies.

A strong advocate for her clients, Talia works closely with them to shape a defense strategy that reflects the unique aspects of each case and the outcome they hope to achieve.

Talia began her legal career as a law clerk to the Hon. Rachelle L. Harz, J.S.C. in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Bergen County, where she was involved in handling the Multi-County Litigation (mass tort) docket. She graduated from Quinnipiac University with a degree in Criminal Justice and received her juris doctor from New York Law School.

Education

- New York Law School (J.D., 2016)
- Quinnipiac University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2013)

Admissions

- New Jersey, 2017
- U.S. District Court District of New Jersey, 2017

Honors & Awards

- New Jersey Super Lawyer Rising Star (2026)

Practices

- Medical Malpractice
- Dental Malpractice

Associations & Memberships

- Bergen County Bar Association
- Justice Morris Pashman American Inns of Court, pupil, 2019-2022
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Women Lawyers in Bergen, Publicity Co-chair, 2017

Classes & Seminars Taught

- *Coming to a Case Near You: AI in Medicine*, Marshall Dennehey Trends in Health Care and Health Law Seminar, May 9, 2024

Results

Unanimous Verdict Obtained in a Medical Malpractice Matter in Bergen County, New Jersey

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. The plaintiff's experts alleged that the lower sacral nerve roots were transected by the defendants during the surgery, most likely by cinching them via a negligently placed suture circumferentially around the thecal sac. The defendants (and their experts) denied that such a suture was placed. They also 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. After deliberation, the jury delivered a verdict in favor of our clients.

Defense Verdict Secured in a New Jersey Medical Malpractice Case

We secured a defense verdict on behalf of an oral surgeon in a medical malpractice matter. The plaintiff alleged that our client deviated from accepted standards of care when extracting four wisdom teeth resulting in permanent injury to the inferior alveolar nerve. The jury returned a unanimous verdict for the defense.

Thought Leadership

January 3, 2022

Need for Competent Physician Testimony to Establish Proximate Cause in Nursing

Malpractice Matters

May 6, 2021

Vicarious Liability—Do You Really Need an Affidavit of Merit?