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Charles has gained experience in a diverse range of practice areas throughout his career, with a specific focus on medical malpractice defense litigation since 2004. He has handled more than 200 hundred medical malpractice cases to date, representing physicians and hospitals through all phases of litigation, including trial. Charles has also represented health care providers in disciplinary hearings.

In addition to representing health care providers, Charles has experience defending commercial property owners in premises liability cases, owners and contractors in construction accident cases under New York Labor Law, a boiler manufacturer in mass-tort asbestos litigation and a major commercial airline in aviation matters. He has also defended dram shop cases.

Charles has obtained defense verdicts and achieved settlement of cases well below the amount demanded during trial and beforehand through motion practice. For instance, in representing obstetricians in birth-related injury cases, Charles successfully petitioned the court to perform genetic testing on the infant-plaintiff, the results of which led to a substantial reduction in the settlement demand.

While attending New York Law School, Charles was employed as a claims examiner for a large insurer of doctors and hospitals in the state of New York. During that time he worked with physicians in all fields of surgery and medicine, oversaw a hospital account, and worked on risk management and regulatory issues.

Charles began his legal career at Jones Hirsch Connors Miller & Bull P.C. He practices mainly in the New York City metropolitan area, in both State and Federal Courts, as well as the State of Connecticut.

Charles is a member of the New York State Medical Defense Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. An active member of his community, Charles is a

Practices

- Medical Malpractice
- Dental Malpractice
- Long-Term Care Liability
- Behavioral Health Risk & Liability
- General Liability
- Asbestos & Mass Tort Litigation
- Aviation & Complex Litigation
- New York Construction & Labor Law
- Construction Injury Litigation
- Catastrophic Claims Litigation

student mentor at New York Law School and has served in various leadership roles at his church.

Education

- New York Law School (J.D., 1997)
- State University of New York at Oswego (B.A., 1990)

Admissions

- Connecticut, 1997
- New York, 1997
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court Southern District of New York

Honors & Awards

- Hudson Valley Magazine, Top Lawyer, 2022

Associations & Memberships

- New York State Medical Defense Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Representative Cases & Matters

- Defense verdict for two internists and their practice group in a wrongful death case involving failure to diagnose lung cancer in a 58-year-old patient.
- Defense verdict in a case involving failure to diagnose an ectopic pregnancy leading to rupture and requiring emergency surgery.
- Defense verdict in a case involving alleged negligent administration of anesthesia causing sepsis.
- Directed verdict and dismissal of all claims against three intensivists and a urologist in a case involving complications in the SICU following cardiothoracic surgery.
- *Bothe v. Vytra Health Plans Long Island*, 13 A.D.3d 586 (App.Div.2d Dep't 2004) summary judgment affirmed dismissing medical malpractice claim against an HMO based on ERISA preemption.

Classes & Seminars Taught

- *Civil Litigation State of Affairs – The Impact of COVID-19 in New York and Connecticut & What's Next*, Marshall Dennehey Client Webinar, May, 2021
- *New York Case Law Update*, Health Care Law Seminar, Marshall Dennehey, November 9, 2016

Pro Bono Activities

- Representation of indigent defendants in Fair Debt Collection Practices Act matters.

Thought Leadership

October 1, 2022

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