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David concentrates his practice on the defense of health care providers involved in litigation. He has represented health care professionals from all disciplines of medicine and nursing, as well as private and public entities in the defense of professional liability and other claims.

For more than a decade, David has developed and executed case strategies to drive favorable outcomes. He tailors his advocacy to the needs of his clients and the nature of their cases, counseling them as each case develops. He is experienced in all aspects of litigation, including pre-suit investigation, medical investigation, witness preparation and depositions, expert preparation and presentation, and dispute resolution through mediation and trial. David draws upon that wealth of experience in his day to day practice.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, David practiced at boutique and national firms dedicated to the litigation of health care liability matters.

David lives with his family in Marlton, New Jersey.

Education

- Rutgers Law School (J.D., 2014)
- Johns Hopkins University (B.A., 2011)

Admissions

- New Jersey, 2014
- Pennsylvania, 2014
- U.S. District Court District of New Jersey, 2014

Practices

- Medical Malpractice

Honors & Awards

- New Jersey Super Lawyer Rising Star (2023-2024)

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- Best Lawyers in America© - Ones to Watch (2022-2023)

Classes & Seminars Taught

- "From Claims to Courtroom: Key Trends in New Jersey Medical Malpractice Litigation," Marshall Dennehey Health Care Seminar, May 14, 2026
- "Top Gun School for Assisted Living Nurses," Health Care Association of New Jersey, November 2022

Results

Unanimous Jury Verdict for the Defense in Medical Malpractice Case

We successfully defended an anesthesiologist after a two-week trial which included testimony of five medical experts and three treating doctors. The plaintiffs claimed the doctor's regional nerve block, executed in advance of an orthopedic Achilles rupture repair, was performed negligently causing permanent nerve damage. Damages were sought for pain impacting marital relations and all aspects of the plaintiff's life. Under our cross examination, the plaintiff's standard of care expert flipped his opinion. Despite excellent conditions for a directed verdict, the court declined to rule, ultimately resulting in a unanimous jury verdict for the defense.