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Heather is an associate in the Health Care Department, where she focuses her practice on the defense of health care providers and health care facilities in medical malpractice litigation. Drawing on nearly two decades of firsthand clinical experience, she brings a unique perspective to the representation of healthcare professionals and organizations facing complex claims.

Before joining the firm, Heather spent 17 years in nursing, beginning as a bedside nurse in an urban maternal newborn unit and later serving as a nurse practitioner in various settings, including physical medicine, long-term care, and infection control response in the long term care setting during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also served as adjunct faculty in the clinical setting for undergraduate nursing programs at two local universities.

She earned her *juris doctor* from the Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Duquesne University through the part-time evening program while working full-time. She was a legal nurse consultant and then an associate at another Pittsburgh medical malpractice defense firm, where she worked through all phases of litigation, including discovery, motions, mediation, and trial preparation.

Outside of work, Heather enjoys cooking, gardening, especially tending to her pumpkins, hunting for vintage items, time outdoors, and time with family and friends.

Education

- Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University (J.D., 2023)
- Duquesne University School of Nursing (M.S.N., F.N.P., 2012)
- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing (B.S.N., 2004)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2024
- West Virginia, 2024
- U.S. District Court Southern District of West Virginia, 2024

Practices

- Medical Malpractice

- U.S. District Court Western District of Pennsylvania, 2026