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Holli is a member of the Health Care Department, concentrating her practice on the defense of health care practitioners and medical providers against all manner of medical malpractice suits. Her clients include physicians, dentists, oral surgeons, podiatrists, chiropractors, cardiologists, and their practice groups. Her experience also includes representing hospitals in cases involving complex issues of medical malpractice, in addition to slip and fall suits.

Holli handles licensure matters before State Boards of Medicine, Dentistry, and Nursing. In addition, she has argued numerous pleadings and motions on behalf of her clients.

While attending law school at Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, Holli held various leadership positions for the Association of Women Law Students, including social chair and vice president. Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Holli worked for a regional defense litigation law firm where she was selected to serve as a member of the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion.

Education

- Loyola University New Orleans School of Law (J.D., 2016)
- University of Scranton (B.A., *cum laude*, 2013)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2016
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2021
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania, 2021

Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants;

Practices

- Medical Malpractice
- Dental Malpractice

Professional Malpractice Law (2026-2027)

- The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Health Care Law (2024-2026)
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star (2024-2026)

Associations & Memberships

- Luzerne County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association

Representative Cases & Matters

- Successfully obtained a unanimous defense verdict in a medical malpractice wrongful death case involving a cardiac ablation procedure. After a four-day trial in Montgomery County, the jury returned a defense verdict in just 20 minutes, accepting the defense position that the patient's fatal coronary artery dissection was a known risk of the procedure and not the result of negligence.
- Second chaired a trial where a defense verdict was obtained in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on behalf of a podiatrist. The plaintiff filed a medical malpractice action claiming that the podiatrist removed too much bone from the plaintiff's right fifth toe during an arthroplasty procedure. The jury trial lasted three days and the jury returned a verdict in approximately two hours.
- Secured dismissals for multiple dentists and their practice groups in malpractice cases brought by plaintiffs in Magisterial Court.
- Successfully defended doctors, dentists, and nurses in Board licensure matters, where State Boards have found there was no cause to proceed with formal actions against her clients.

Classes & Seminars Taught

- *Highlights in Pennsylvania Medical Malpractice Law 2024-2026*, Marshall Dennehey Seminar, May 14, 2026
- *Cross Examination and Settlement Tactics*, Marshall Dennehey CLE Program, February 5, 2024

Published Works

- "General Admissibility of Relevant Evidence," "Character Evidence; Other Crimes, Wrongs, or Acts," and "Methods of Proving Character," *Ohlbaum on the Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence*, 2024, Contributing Author
- "Federal Court Cautions Lawyers on Pleading Affirmative Defenses," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 27, No. 4, September 2021
- "Advanced Directives and Incapacity: When Should a Person's Wishes Be Overridden?," *Burns White Insights*, October 2019

Thought Leadership

August 26, 2026

Highlights in Pennsylvania Medical Malpractice Law: Expansion of Liability,

Nuclear Verdicts, and Emerging Litigation Trends

August 5, 2025

Precedential Opinion: Superior Court of Pennsylvania Upholds the Enforceability of a Venue-Selection Clause in the Context of a Medical Malpractice Case

January 3, 2022

PA Superior Court holds that expert testimony is needed to prosecute claim of medical negligence.

January 3, 2022

Plaintiff must show recognized duty is owed to support negligence claim.

September 1, 2021

Federal Court Cautions Lawyers on Pleading Affirmative Defenses