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Julia is a member of the firm's Health Care Department, concentrating her practice on medical malpractice. She has 30 years of experience focused almost exclusively on the field of medical malpractice. In her career to date, Julia has handled several hundred medical malpractice matters, having represented a large number of physicians in professional malpractice actions. She represents several of the largest hospitals in New Jersey, defending their attending physicians, resident physicians and nursing staffs on all aspects on claims of professional negligence. Julia also represents nurses in New Jersey Board of Nursing matters. In addition, Julia handles complex cases involving severe, catastrophic injury and death matters, ranging from neurological damage, orthopedic damage, misdiagnosis and sudden death.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Julia was a litigator for 12 years. She also served as senior corporate counsel at Quest Diagnostics, where she oversaw defense counsel throughout the United States and Canada in handling the company's professional negligence claims.

Julia spent several years coaching students at Seton Hall School of Law who represented the law school at national moot court competitions. She has also lectured for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and MD Advantage Insurance Company.

Julia graduated *cum laude* from The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, with a degree in criminal justice. She was then employed as a paralegal while she attended Seton Hall School of Law. She received her *juris doctor* in 1994.

Julia is admitted to the New Jersey Bar and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Practices

- Medical Malpractice

Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., 1994)
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte (B.S., *cum laude*, 1987)

Admissions

- New Jersey, 1994
- U.S. District Court District of New Jersey, 1994

Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America©, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2024-2027)
- Rated BV Distinguished® by Martindale-Hubbell

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Associations & Memberships

- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Union County Bar Association

Pro Bono Activities

- New Jersey Bar Foundation Vincent J. Apruzzese Mock Trial Competition, judge, 2015-2016

Results

Plaintiff's complaint dismissed for lack of personal jurisdiction.

In this medical malpractice action, the defendant, a New York doctor with no connection to New Jersey, was sued in New Jersey by a former patient who was a New Jersey resident. The court first found that the defendant did not waive consideration of the issue by waiting until after a dispute concerning the sufficiency of the affidavit of merit was resolved. The court then found that the evidence presented by the plaintiff was simply insufficient to establish either general or specific jurisdiction. The fact that the doctor had no connection to New Jersey and that the treatment occurred in New York were key to the decision, as the advertising activity by the New York hospital where the doctor is on staff, which the plaintiff relied upon, was insufficient to establish jurisdiction over the physician, especially as those activities had nothing to do with the plaintiff's decision to treat with the defendant. In a published decision, the New Jersey Appellate Division affirmed the dismissal of the plaintiff's complaint for lack of personal jurisdiction.