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As a member of the Health Care Department, Leslie focuses her practice on the representation of medical professionals and providers, including physicians, hospitals and nursing home/extended care facilities. She serves as co-chair of the Long-Term Care Liability Practice, defending long-term care facilities and providers against personal injury claims. Leslie is an experienced litigator who has spent her 25-year legal career defending matters related to catastrophic medical malpractice, medical device and pharmaceutical liability, and long-term care. She has also handled veterinary negligence matters and matters before the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board.

Leslie is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM). In this role, she counsels and advises clients on the prevention, reduction and control of loss within their organizations. She works together with health care providers to assess, manage and update their risk management programs.

Leslie was recognized as the 2025 Cleveland "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of Litigation - Health Care by the Best Lawyers organization. She is a member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, American Society for Healthcare Risk Management, DRI and several bar associations. She is a frequent speaker at events hosted by hospitals, nursing homes and professional organizations.

Education

- Cleveland State University College of Law (J.D., 1996)
- Baldwin Wallace University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1993)

Admissions

- Ohio, 1996
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Ohio, 2008

Practices

- Medical Malpractice
- Long-Term Care Liability

Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, "Lawyer of the Year," Cleveland, Litigation - Health Care (2025)
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Litigation - Health Care; Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants (2022-2027)
- Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star (2011-2012)

Associations & Memberships

- American Society for Healthcare Risk Management
- Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association

Classes/Seminars Taught

- *Hot Topics: Regulatory and Related Changes in Healthcare*, PLUS Medical PL Symposium, Chicago, IL, March 14, 2017
- *Impact of Affordable Care Act on Future Damages*, Health Care Law Seminar, Marshall Dennehey, November 9, 2016
- *Application of ACA to Reduce Future Damages*, Medical Liability Insurance ExecuSummit, Uncasville, CT, September 14, 2016
- *The Affordable Care Act: Changing the Health Care System and Medical Malpractice*, Health Care and Health Law Seminar, Marshall Dennehey, November 5, 2015
- *Review of Claims and Other Legal Actions Involving Unprofessional Behavior by Physicians and Staff*, Risk Management/Patient Safety Seminars for 2012, Lexington Insurance Company/Chartis, 2012

Published Works

- "Admissibility of State Survey Results in Long-Term Care Litigation," *Defense Digest*, Vol 23, No. 4, December 2017
- "Practical Defense Considerations: Building the Foundation to Apply the ACA to Reduce Future Damages," *PLUS Journal*, December 2016
- "Court Ruling Demonstrates ACA's Power to Reduce Future Medical Expenses," *Journal of Healthcare Risk Management*, Volume 35, Number 4, April 2016

Significant Representative Matters

- Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a nursing home in Cuyahoga County. The case involved a 75-year-old resident who fell, fracturing his hip, and died. The medical examiner ruled that the death was accidental and due to the fall. The plaintiff claimed inadequate fall precautions and failure to assess appropriately after the fall against the skilled nursing facility, and requested punitive damages. The plaintiff's Final Pretrial Statement demanded \$7 million. After three days of trial, the judge granted a directed verdict for the defense.

Results

Defense Verdict in Ohio Medical Malpractice Case

We obtained a medical malpractice defense verdict on behalf of a skilled nursing facility in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court in Cleveland, Ohio. The children of an 82-year-old skilled nursing resident brought a lawsuit after their mother developed shingles and associated meningitis and passed away. They claimed the facility had inadequate infection control and failed to identify signs/symptoms of developing changes in their mother's condition. The defense proved the facility offered the appropriate vaccinations that were required by the state of Ohio and that the standard of care did not require the facility offer or administer the Shingrix vaccine to its residents. They also proved the facility properly monitored the resident's signs and symptoms; that she did not exhibit any classic signs or symptoms of shingles at the facility; and that the facility timely sent her to the ER for evaluation when her condition changed. In closing arguments after a five-day trial, the plaintiffs asked the jury for \$3 million. The jury deliberated for 75 minutes and returned with a defense verdict.

Thought Leadership

May 1, 2025

Defense Victory: Summary Judgment Granted for Corporate Nursing Home Defendants in Medical Negligence Case

April 11, 2025

Defense Victory: Summary Judgment Granted for Corporate Nursing Home Defendants in Medical Negligence Case

September 1, 2024

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