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John Marshall Law School
1981 J.D. with High Distinction
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LICENSURE: State of Illinois, 1981
U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
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EMPLOYMENT: Partner, Cassiday Schade LLP
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AWARDS/HONORS: AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell
Leading Lawyer
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LAW FIRM COMMITTEES: Co-Chair Medical Malpractice Dept. (Current)
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Diversity Committee (Current)
Executive Committee (Past)
Associate Evaluation Committee (Past)
Hiring Committee (Past)
Associate Training Committee (Past)

ORGANIZATIONS: Chicago Bar Association
Counsel for Litigation Management
Defense Research Institute

TRIALS:

- *Godlewski v. PTSIR*
(Cook County, 2015)
Defense Verdict for Physical Therapy Sports Injury Rehabilitation in case brought by Plaintiff who sustained hip and wrist fractures and a detached retina after falling while performing a home exercise program prescribed by her physical therapist. Plaintiff was also subsequently diagnosed with a compression fracture that was successfully excluded at Trial. The fall occurred when the resistance band Plaintiff was using provided by the Defendant/facility failed in multiple locations. Only one piece of the band had been retained by the Plaintiff and the Court gave a 501 Missing Evidence Instruction. The Plaintiff alleged that the physical therapist failed to advise her that the band could break; failed to provide her with adequate instructions on inspecting the band before use; and failed to instruct her to be seated when performing the exercise at issue.

- *Redmond v. Zayyad, M.D.*
(Cook County, 2015)
Defense Verdict for Adel Zayyad, M.D. (pulmonologist/intensivist) in a case where there was an alleged failure to properly place a thoracentesis needle causing a laceration of the subcostal artery causing a hemothorax secondary to the laceration causing a tension hemothorax causing an arrest and death. That was the documented conclusion in the autopsy as to the cause of death. It was argued that the subcostal artery was not lacerated during the thoracentesis because there was no evidence of that rare but recognized complication at the time of the procedure and that the findings at autopsy were erroneous given that there were multiple mistakes in the autopsy. The Plaintiff requested the Jury to return a verdict in the amount of \$4.5M due to the death of a 46 year old female. The Jury returned a verdict in favor of the Defendant.

- *Ratowitz v. Compassionate Care*
(Cook County, 2015)
Defense Verdict for Compassionate Care in case where Plaintiff alleged that her home health caregiver failed to properly secure her in her wheelchair prior to transportation in Co-Defendant's van. Plaintiff also alleged that the in-home care giver failed to advise the driver of cognitive deficits prior to allowing her to become a passenger in the van where she subsequently fell out of her wheelchair sustaining injuries during transit. The Jury returned a verdict against the van driver's employer and found in favor of the in-home caregiver.
- *Malcolm v. Medical Center Anesthesia*
(Cook County, 2013)
Defense Verdict for anesthesiologist in a case where permanent nerve injury and loss of normal life was alleged secondary to multiple attempts to insert an epidural needle in the face of multiple continued complaints of paresthesias by a plaintiff in labor.
- *Buckley v. Komanduri, M.D.*
(Will County, 2012)
Defense Verdict for orthopedic surgeon for alleged failure to use proper surgical technique in repairing wrist fracture causing damage to radial nerve causing permanent Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.
- *Kaiser v. Krahl*
(Cook County, 2012)
Plaintiff's Verdict against general contractor for alleged negligence causing injury to ironworker following a fall from a ladder.
- *Tueffel v. Gunaratnam, M.D.*
(Cook County, 2009)
Defense Verdict on behalf of primary care physician in a case involving allegations of failure to timely diagnose and treat cholangitis leading to sepsis and ultimately the death of a 46-year old female leaving two surviving sons, ages 24 and 17. Plaintiff requested damages in the amount of \$12 million.

- *Jones v. Zayyad, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 2008)
 Defense Verdict on behalf of pulmonologist/critical care specialist for alleged failure to diagnose pulmonary disease leading to an arrest, brain damage and death following 18 months on a respirator.
- *Matlock v. AMEC*
 (Cook County, 2007)
 Plaintiff's Verdict against general contractor for alleged negligence causing injury to ironworker while using rigging equipment.
- *Sanchez v. Camara, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 2007)
 Plaintiff's Verdict against OB for alleged failure to diagnose placental abruption leading to stillbirth.
- *Lotowski v. Jakimiec, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 2007)
 Plaintiff's Verdict against PCP for alleged failure to diagnose breast cancer.
- *Lavern v. Dassani, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 2007)
 Defense Verdict for PCP for alleged failure to appropriately work-up and diagnose cardiac condition causing death.
- *Concrete Structures v. Morrow Equipment*
 (Cook County, 2006)
 Plaintiff's Verdict against Tower Crane Company following a crane collapse.
- *Prine v. Henriksen, M.D.*
 (Cook county, 2005)
 Plaintiff's Verdict against PCP for an alleged failure to diagnose liver cancer causing death.
- *Marsh v. Camara, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 2005)
 Plaintiff's Verdict against OB for alleged failure to diagnose and treat tubal pregnancy.

- *Brandon v. Gardner, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 2004)
 SETTLEMENT ON TRIAL
 Failure to arrest pre-term labor in twins and twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome.
- *Stoneking v. Zerrudo, M.D.*
 (Lake County, 2004)
 SETTLEMENT ON TRIAL – Failure to diagnose and treat post-partum cardiomyopathy leading to hypoxic encephalopathy.
- *Jones v. Levinsky, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 2003)
 Plaintiff's Verdict against cardiologist for alleged failure to timely diagnose pseudoaneurysm leading to infection and loss of leg.
- *Conway v. Zayyad, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 2002)
 Defense Verdict for pulmonologist/critical care specialist for an alleged failure to diagnose PE causing death.
- *Pergande v. Ali, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 2001)
 SETTLEMENT ON TRIAL – Failure to properly ablate thyroid cancer.
- *Skonieczny v. Gardner, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 2001)
 Plaintiff's Verdict against OB for alleged failure to diagnose and treat shoulder dystocia causing evulsion of brachial plexus nerve root causing spinal cord injury.
- *Sarros v. Evans*
 (Cook County, 2000)
 Defense Verdict for urologist following allegations of negligence in the resection of prostate causing impotence and incontinence.
- *Johnson v. Walker, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 2000)
 Defense Verdict for PCP for alleged failure to diagnose aortic dissection causing death.

- *Wigginton v. Lincoln Electric*
(Kentucky, 1998)
Defense Verdict for welding rod manufacturer for strict liability and allegations of negligence for causing Mesothelioma: Asbestos-containing welding rods.
- *Johnson v. Silva, M.D.*
(Cook County, 1997)
Defense Verdict for OB for allegations of negligence surrounding an artery laceration during tubal ligation.
- *Budzinski v. Cucco, M.D.*
(Cook County, 1995)
Defense Verdict for OB following allegations of a failure to diagnose and treat pre-term labor leading to demise at 36 hours after birth.
- *Slinker v. Lincoln Electric*
(Kentucky, 1995)
Defense Verdict for welding rod manufacturer for strict liability and allegations of negligence for causing asbestosis: Asbestos-containing welding rods.
- *Canfield v. Lincoln Electric*
(Wisconsin, 1995)
Defense Verdict for welding rod manufacturer involving allegations of welding fumes that allegedly caused brain damage.
- *Schultz v. Oak Park Hospital*
(Cook County, 1992)
Plaintiff's Verdict against hospital for failure to administer antibiotics to a diabetic leading to leg amputation.
- *Beardon v. Hamby*
(Cook County, 1991)
Mis-Trial/Michael Hennig held in contempt of Court for advising against production of income tax returns for purposes of cross-examination to establish a motive to commit malpractice – reversed on Appeal (*see Beardon v. Hamby*, 608 N.E.2d 282, 240, Ill.App.3d 779 (1992)).

- *Neibauer v. Slodki, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 1991)
 Defense Verdict for cardiologist involving allegations secondary to a fatal overdose on Elavil.
- *Kaminski v. Sullivan, M.D.*
 (Cook County, 1991)
 Defense Verdict for orthopedic surgeon following bilateral leg amputation in a diabetic following a fractured heel.
- *Kolman v. Lakeview Radiology*
 (Cook County, 1991)
 Directed Verdict for radiologist involving a failure to diagnose lung cancer.
- *McKann v. Valenti Builders*
 (Cook County, 1991)
 SETTLEMENT ON TRIAL
- *Randall v. Kuczerepa*
 (Cook County, 1991)
 Plaintiff's Verdict against a general surgeon involving injury to vagus nerve during surgery causing uncontrollable diarrhea and malnutrition.
- *Nikolic v. Pahwa*
 (Cook County, 1990)
 Defense Verdict for orthopedic surgeon involving an overdose of alcohol and Darvocette leading to death.
- *Gray v. Christ Hospital*
 (Cook County, 1990)
 Directed Verdict – nerve injury following laminectomy.
- *Pellegrini v. Charlip*
 (Cook County, 1989)
 Defense Verdict for endocrinologist involving neurovascular dystrophy following a fracture.
- *O'Keefe v. Carpo, M.D.*
 (Cook County) – Settlement on Trial
 Paraplegia following spinal anesthesia.

- *Williams v. McMahon*
(Cook County)
SETTLEMENT ON TRIAL.

- *Carithers v. Evans*
(Cook County) – Settlement on Trial
Hypovolemic shock causing neurologic damage
following protectomy.

- *Wolf v. Metz*
(Cook County)
SETTLEMENT ON TRIAL
Failure to diagnose breast cancer.

APPELLATE COURT DECISIONS:

Illinois Appellate Court

Bearden v. Hamby, et al., 608 N.E.2d 282, 240 Ill.App.3d 779, 191 Ill.Dec. 209 (1992).

Michael Hennig was held in contempt of Court on Trial for advising against the production of income tax returns for purposes of cross examination to establish a motive to commit malpractice. Appellate Court reversed holding that the physician's economic motive in not transferring a patient to a major university was immaterial and irrelevant.