Medical Malpractice Defense

In today's litigious culture, healthcare organizations and professionals can easily find themselves facing claims of malpractice, jeopardizing their reputation and ability to serve their clients. Due to the complexities of medical malpractice claims, clients need counsel who are experienced with developing strategies that address the substantive issues of the primary claim as well as the underlying cause.

Blankingship & Keith has a team of legal professionals experienced in aggressively defending healthcare providers and organizations against medical malpractice lawsuits. Our medical malpractice defense team provides legal guidance throughout the entire course of the case: from pre-suit investigation and risk assessment to discovery, to settlement negotiations, or trial and appeal. We are skilled in addressing juries appropriately when dealing with the types of injuries and losses that are often elements of these cases. Our trial attorneys have obtained defense verdicts for institutions such as acute care and rehabilitation hospitals; outpatient surgery centers; mental health facilities; and individual doctors, nurses, and other licensed healthcare providers. We also provide proactive advice to clients in the effort to avoid claims and litigation before they occur.

Our team is recognized by *U.S. News – Best Law Firms* in the Washington, DC metro region as a tier 1 practice for medical malpractice defense.

We have extensive experience in defending against a broad range of medical malpractice claims, including:

- diagnostic errors or omissions;
- failure to timely assess, diagnose, or treat illness or complications;
- failure to recognize and treat significant changes in a patient's condition;
- failure to communicate critical information to other healthcare professionals;
- failure to monitor and supervise;
- improper charting and failing to document appropriately;
- improper testing;
- improper wound care, pressure and decubitus ulcers prevention and treatment;
- failure to obtain informed consent;
- medication errors;
- recommending an improper form of treatment;

- surgical errors; and
- violations of statutes, regulations and policies.

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