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Practice Areas

Medical Malpractice Defense

Nursing Home Defense Litigation

Education

- University of Cincinnati Law School (J.D., 1987)
- College of Mount St. Joseph (B.S. in Nursing, 1979)

Overview

Karen's practice focuses primarily in the area of medical malpractice defense. She has a B.S. in Nursing and has extensive experience representing hospitals, extended care facilities, physicians, dentists, nurses, and health care providers in the defense of medical malpractice and wrongful death claims.

Experience

- Representation of hospitals, nurses, physicians, and other healthcare providers in the defense of medical malpractice claims.
- Representation of physicians and nurses with respect to licensing matters.
- Advising clients on risk management issues and advising and representing hospital and nursing home clients in medical staff issues.

Honors/Distinctions

- Adjunct professor at Xavier University -- Liability for Health Care Professionals for nurses in the Masters Program
- University of Cincinnati Law Review (1985 – 1986)
- Order of the Coif
- Selected as one of Ohio's Super Lawyers (2005-2011)
- Selected and listed as one of Ohio's Corporate Counsel Super Lawyers (2010)
- Received AV preeminent peer rating by Martindale-Hubbell - a reflection of having achieved the highest level of professional skill and integrity a lawyer can earn

Admissions

- State of Ohio
- Commonwealth of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Cincinnati Bar Association (Past Member, Labor & Employment Committee)
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (1987 – 1996)

- Joint Committee of the Bar and Academy of Medicine (Past Secretary and Chair of Subcommittee on Education)
- Cincinnati Board of Health (Past Member of the Home Health Advisory Board)
- UC Law Alumni Board of Trustees (Past Member)

Presentations

- Adjunct Professor, Xavier University School of Nursing, Masters Program, Spring Semester Course on Healthcare Liability Issues (2005-2011)
- Documentation- AACN (April 2011)
- Shirley M. Toepfert Memorial Nursing Seminar, The Christ Hospital Alumni Association (2006)
- Trial Preparation, Documentation and Deposition, Mercy Hospital Anderson (2006)
- Trial Preparation, Documentation and Deposition, Mercy Hospital Fairfield (2006)
- The Christ Hospital School of Nursing - Issues Re: Documentation and the Nurse Practice Act (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)
- Documentation - Xavier Nursing Alumni (2002)
- Laws and Rules Governing the Practice of Nursing in Ohio (November, 2002)
- Analyzing Medical Records for the Ohio Attorney (2002)
- Analyzing Medical Records for the Ohio Paralegal (2001)
- "Anatomy of a Lawsuit," Mercy Hospital Anderson (2001)
- "Anatomy of a Lawsuit," Mercy Hospital Fairfield (2000)
- The Jewish Hospital/The Christ Hospital/Mercy Hospital Documentation Issues (1990 - 2000, ongoing)
- The Jewish Hospital, Surgical Residents, Documentation Issues (1999)
- The Christ Hospital, Internal Medicine Residents, Documentation Issues (1999)
- Living Wills, Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, DNR, Surgical Residents, The Jewish Hospital (1999)
- Advanced Directives, Ohio's New DNR Law, Cardiothoracic Surgeons, The Christ Hospital (1998)
- Analyzing Medical Records for the Ohio Paralegal (September, 1998)
- Analyzing Medical Records for the Ohio Paralegal (April, 1997)
- Nursing Staff Educators, Legal Issues for Staff Educators (1996 and 1998)
- "Trends in Managed Care," Cincinnati Bar Association Health Law Seminar (December, 1995)
- The Christ Hospital, Anesthesia Residents, Legal Issues, Documentation (1994)
- "Medical Malpractice Law in Ohio: An Update," Cincinnati Bar Association, Health Care Law Committee Meeting (1993)
- "Anti-Dumping Law: An Update," Cincinnati Bar Association, Health Care Law Committee (1992)
- The Christ Hospital Ob/Gyn Grand Rounds, Anatomy of a Lawsuit (1990 and 1991)
- Developing Legal Insight (July, 1989)
- Legal Issues, Staff Education Directives (June, 1989)
- "Preparing For and Giving a Deposition," Critical Care Fellowship, The Jewish Hospital (May, 1989)
- "Legal Issues for Physicians," Association of Indian Physicians of Greater Cincinnati (March, 1989)
- Palmer Association, Inc., Personnel Issues, Management Workshop (December, 1988)
- "Legal Dilemmas In Providing Care for the Overdose Patient," Emergency Care Conference, (October, 1988)
- "Ohio Nurse Practice Act," Greater Cincinnati Orthopedic Nurses Association (October, 1988)
- Palmer's Associates, Workshop for Health Care Provider (1988)