

ASHLEY DOBBIN CALKINS

Partner

In practice since 2005, Ashley has devoted her career to defending healthcare providers. In addition to her work representing hospital systems, assisted living facilities, and behavioral health centers, she has represented individual practitioners in a wide range of specialties including obstetrics and gynecology, neurosurgery, pharmacy, radiology, orthopedics, family practice, counseling, dentistry, nursing, cardiothoracic surgery, emergency medicine, internal medicine, psychology, physical therapy, interventional radiology, infectious disease, urology, anesthesia, nephrology, social work, and chiropractic medicine.

Ashley understands healthcare providers, practice managers, and risk managers feel reassured when their attorney demonstrates a solid grasp of the medical and legal issues, strong analytical skills, common sense, and compassion. Ashley says, "I always aim to make sure my clients feel they are in good hands. Maintaining good communication is essential to conveying that peace of mind." Ashley welcomes questions and input from her clients and enjoys efficiently solving problems and providing guidance.

Ashley frequently assists practitioners with handling Board of Health Professions investigations and navigating the investigative and disciplinary process. She also advises providers on federally-certified Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs) and helps providers maximize their ability to create confidential and protected materials to improve the overall quality of patient care.

Having litigated hundreds of medical malpractice cases, Ashley had defense verdicts reported in the 2010, 2013, 2014, and 2015 Virginia Medical Law Report's list of Million Dollar Defense Verdicts. For six years in a row, she was selected by her peers as a Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Star in Medical Malpractice Defense. Only 2.5 percent of all lawyers in Virginia are selected as Rising Stars. Virginia Business magazine also recognized Ashley as a Virginia "Legal Elite" Young Lawyer in 2013. She was named to the 2023 class of "Influential Women of Law" by Virginia Lawyers Weekly.

Ashley brings her perspective as a litigator to healthcare compliance work. She has a long history of working closely with risk managers and administrative staff and frequently advises on issues ranging from consent, Board of Health Professions reporting obligations, patient termination, updating policies and procedures, and billing and audit investigations. Ashley serves as an adjunct professor at the VCU School of Pharmacy where she teaches Pharmacy Law.



Practice Areas

- Accreditation and Certification Surveys
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Compliance
- Guardianship & Conservatorship
- Health Regulatory Boards
- Medical Malpractice - Long-Term Care/ Assisted Living Facility
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Medical Staff Issues
- Patient Safety & PSOs
- Pharmacy
- Reimbursement
- Risk Management
- Veterinary Law

Licensure

- District of Columbia
- Montana
- Virginia
- Washington

Academic Credentials

- University of Virginia, B.A.
- University of Richmond School of Law, J.D.

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Publications

"Who Can Administer and Bill Medicare for COVID-19 Vaccinations?" American Health Law Association's PG Bulletin, February 18, 2021