

MICHAEL E. OLSZEWSKI

Partner

Michael Olszewski has been with the firm since its founding. His practice is primarily directed to the representation of health care providers in the defense of medical malpractice cases. Mr. Olszewski has extensive experience in defending health care providers throughout Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and West Virginia. He tries malpractice cases and heads the Hancock Daniel Appellate Advocacy group. In addition to trial and appellate advocacy, Mr. Olszewski provides risk management and general health care law advice to his clients.

Clients of Mr. Olszewski include hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, nurses, physician groups, and physicians and dentists in a wide variety of specialties. Cases litigated by Mr. Olszewski include ones involving: Abdominal Pregnancy, Abdominal Wall Hernia, ADA Claims, Amniocentesis, Ankle Block, Appendicitis, Arteriogram, Asthma, Axillary Block, Bartholin Gland Abscess, Bipolar Mood Disorder, Birth Related Neurological Injuries, Breast Cancer, Breast Reconstruction, Bunionectomy, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, Corneal Abrasion, Cerebral Aneurysm, Cerebral Infarction, Compartment Syndrome, Decubitus Ulcers, Deep Vein Thrombosis, Depression, Diabetes Mellitus, Dialysis, Discectomy, Dissecting Aneurysm of Ascending Aorta, EMTALA Claims, Epidural Hematoma, Falls, Femoral Block, Fetal Distress, Fractured Hip, Fractured Metacarpal, Group-B Strep, Hemophilia, Heparin Protocol, Hyponatremia, Hysterectomy, Informed Consent, Interstitial Cystitis, Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, Lung Cancer, Mammography, Medical Staff Privileges Disputes, Melanoma, Mitochondrial Disorder, Myocardial Infarction, Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy, Necrotizing Fasciitis, Ovarian Cancer, Patient Confidentiality, Physical Therapy, Preeclampsia, Prostate Cancer, Pulmonary Amniotic Fluid Embolism, Pulmonary Embolus, Restraints, Retained Surgical Sponge and Foreign Objects, Rotator Cuff Repair, Sepsis, Shoulder Dystocia, Spinal Fusion, Splenectomy, Stroke, Subdural Hematoma, Suicide, Tainted Blood Transfusion, Tarsal Tunnel Syndrome, Tooth Extraction/ Bridge Construction, Urachal Cyst, Uterine Fibroids, Airway Management, Labor Epidural, Combined Spinal Epidural, Anesthesia Monitoring, Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia and Xanax Toxicity.



Practice Areas

Appellate

Medical Malpractice — Long-Term Care/Assisted Living Facility

Medical Malpractice Defense

Licensure

District of Columbia

Maryland

Virginia

West Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for 4th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for Armed Forces

U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit

U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. District Court for Western District of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Academic Credentials

George Mason University, B.A., *cum laude*

The Catholic University of America, J.D., *cum laude*

Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy, Staff member (1997-98)

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Associations and Professional Memberships

American Health Lawyers Association

Defense Research Institute

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys (Medical Malpractice Section)

Maryland Defense Lawyers

Fairfax Courts Committee, Chairman - Civil Law Subcommittee (2009 - 2012)

Academic Associations

Ave Maria School of Law, Board of Visitors (2000 - 2019)

Career Highlights

"Super Lawyer," *Virginia Super Lawyers* (2012-present)

"Super Lawyer," *Washington DC Super Lawyers* (2012-present)

"Top Defense Attorneys," *The Washingtonian*

Million Dollar Defense Verdicts (2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

Reported Cases

Wright v. Kaye, 267 Va. 510 (2004)

Stottlemeyer v. Ghramm, 268 Va. 7 (2004)

Cooper v. Adler, 44 Va. App. 268 (Va. 2004)

Russell v. Gennari, 2008 U.S. App. Lexis 15012 (4th Cir. Va. 2008)

Toraish v. Lee, 293 Va. 262 (2017)

Allison v. Brown, 293 Va. 617 (2017)

Chapple-Brooks v. Nguyen, 2017 Va. Unpub. LEXIS 35 (2017)

Curtis v. Highfill, 298 Va. 499 (2020)

Mid-Atlantic Women's Care v. Kontaratos, 2023 Va. App. LEXIS 731 (Virginia 2023)

Curtis v. Highfill, 2023 Va. App. LEXIS 596 (Virginia 2023)

Collins v. Korkowski, 2023 Va. App. LEXIS 860 (Virginia 2023)

Publications

"Apparent Agency: Folklore or Reality," *The Journal of Civil Litigation*, Vol. XV, No. 3, 257-271, 2003.

Speaking Engagements (Selected Presentations)

"Electronic Communications in Healthcare" - Medical Practice Insurance Company (May 2017)

"Medical Matters: Pain Management/Opioid Prescribing" - (May 2016)

"Importance and Legal Implications of Documentation" - Hospital (January 2015)

"Disclosure of Adverse Events" - Hospital (September 2014)

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"Anesthesia: Medical Malpractice in Virginia and Lessons Learned from Closed Claims" – Medical Practice Insurance Company (May 2014)

Mock Deposition – Medical Practice Insurance Company (September 2013)

"Hot Topics: Quality Improvement, Informed Consent, and the Digital Age" – Anesthesia Group (June 2013)

"Medical Matters" – Medical Practice Insurance Company (October 2012)

"The Pediatric Pitfall" – Pediatric Practice Group (September 2012)

"The Pediatric Pitfall" – Pediatric Practice Group (May 2012)

Mock Trial – Virginia Healthcare Association (March 2012)

"Medical Matters" – Medical Practice Insurance Company (March 2012)

"Current Risk Management Issues" – Psychiatric Group (February 2012)

"Hot Topics: Disclosure, Peer Review and CRNA Compliance" – Anesthesia Group (November 2011) Virginia Physician Advisory Group Board Meeting (November 2011)

"Current Risk Management Issues" – Psychiatric Group (October 2011)