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Biography

Laura K. Binford concentrates her practice in medical malpractice defense. She represents hospitals, long term care facilities, physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, clinics, and other healthcare providers in the defense of medical negligence claims.

Representative Matters

- Represented hospital and residents in medical malpractice claim filed by a patient who alleged a lack of informed consent to the participation of residents in her surgery. The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of the defendant providers. The Court of Appeals affirmed and held that it was not necessary to name residents or students individually on the consent form, as the form's generic reference to "residents" and "students" sufficed. *Tipton v. Isaacs*, 17 N.E.3d 292 (Ind. Ct. App. 2014), trans denied, 24 N.E.3d 967 (Ind.2015).
- Represented landowner alleged to have breached duty to invitee to prevent criminal acts of third parties, in which Indiana Supreme Court affirmed grant of summary judgment in favor of landowner, on the grounds landowner did not breach duty to take reasonable steps to prevent foreseeable criminal acts against invitees: *L.W. v. Western Golf Ass'n.*, 712 N.E.2d 983 (Ind. 1999)
- Successfully defended long-term care facility and secured an opinion from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana holding that as a matter of law the provisions of the Federal Nursing Home Reform Act do not create rights enforceable under Section 1983. Rather, such claims are governed by Indiana's Medical Malpractice Act. *Diana L. Terry, Personal Representative of the Estate of Jack J. McMillen v. The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County and American Senior Communities, LLC* In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis Division Case No. 1:10-cv-000607-DML-JMS.
- Has successfully defended healthcare providers in medical malpractice actions before the Indiana Department of Insurance and in courts throughout the State of Indiana.

Education

- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, J.D. (1989)
- Butler University, B.S. (1986)

Bar Admission

- Indiana (1989)
- U. S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana (1989)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana (1989)
- U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care
- Health Care Regulation & Administration
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Insurance
- Insurance Defense / Insurance Coverage
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- Insurance Coverage
- Insurance Regulation

Community Activity

Past Member of Wishard Foundation George H. Rawls, M.D. Scholarship Dinner Committee

- Assist with fund raising and promotion of Scholarship Dinner.

Past Member of Scholarship Committee for Indiana Healthcare Association

- Interview candidates for scholarship awarded to nursing students dedicated to long term care.

Heart and Soul Free Clinic Board Member

- Heart and Soul Free Clinic provides cost free health care services to the under and uninsured.

Indiana Health Care Association

- The Indiana Health Care Association (IHCA) is Indiana's largest trade association and advocate representing proprietary, not-for-profit and hospital-based skilled nursing, assisted living and independent living communities.

Indiana Society for Healthcare Risk Management

- ISHRM continues the drive to advance the development and role of healthcare risk managers in Indiana. ISHRM provides a platform for its members to enjoy educational conferences, the exchanging of ideas, and support of the healthcare community. ISHRM is an affiliate of the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management.

Sagamore American Inn of Court

- The Sagamore American Inn of Court was founded in 1997 by Indiana Supreme Court Justice Brent E. Dickson, Marion County, Indiana Judge David J. Dreyer and Indianapolis attorney William F. Conour. The name "Sagamore" was chosen because history area native Americans used the term to refer to a person known for wisdom and sage advice. One of the highest honors an Indiana Governor can bestow upon a citizen is that of "Sagamore of the Wabash."

American Society of Healthcare Risk Management

- Established in 1980, the American Society for Health Care Risk Management (ASHRM) is a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association (AHA) with nearly 6,000 members representing risk management, patient safety, insurance, law, finance, and other related professions.

Associations

Indianapolis Bar Association

Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana

- Medical Liability & Healthcare Law Section

Defense Research Institute

- Health Law Section

American Health Lawyers Association

- Healthcare Liability and Litigation and Long Term Care, Senior Housing, In-Home Care, and Rehabilitation Sections

Awards & Recognition

Indiana Super Lawyers (2007-2009, and 2021)

- Each year, Super Lawyers recognizes the top lawyers in Indiana via a patented multiphase selection process involving peer nomination, independent research and peer evaluation. The Indiana lawyers who receive the highest point totals during this selection process are further recognized in Indiana Super Lawyers Top Lists.

Best Lawyers in America – (2022)

- Best Lawyers is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Recognition in Best Lawyers is widely regarded by clients and legal professionals as a significant honor conferred on a lawyer by their peers.

Distinguished Senior Fellow, Indianapolis Bar Foundation (2014)

- Each year the Indianapolis Bar Foundation honors individuals for their dedication to the law by bestowing on them the designation of Distinguished Fellow. This small but select group is chosen by the Directors of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation to become Distinguished Fellows as a result of their significant contributions to the legal profession and to our community.