

Laura K. Binford
Partner



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 health care 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 Association.*, 712 N.E.2d 983 (Ind. 1999)
- Has successfully defended health care 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, JD, 1989

Butler University, BS, 1986

Bar & Court Admissions

- Indiana, 1989
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, 1989
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, 1989
- U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Awards & Recognitions

- Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana: Defense Lawyer of the Year, 2024
- Best Lawyers in America®
 - Medical Malpractice — Defendants, 2022 – present
 - Health Care Law, 2026
- Indiana Super Lawyers 2022 – present
 - Medical Malpractice Defense
- *Indianapolis Monthly* magazine: Top Lawyers
 - Medical Malpractice — 2026
- Indianapolis Bar Foundation
 - Distinguished Fellow, 2015

Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Correctional Facility Health Care Defense
- Health Care
- Insurance

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