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OVERVIEW

Dan Ferhat focuses his practice on medical malpractice litigation and general liability matters. As a trial lawyer, he defends hospitals, physicians, nurses and other healthcare practitioners against professional liability claims at the trial court and appellate court levels. He also defends corporations and other commercial enterprises against premises liability lawsuits.

Dan has substantial courtroom experience. In addition to his jury trial experience, he has independently taken cases to verdict before arbitration panels and judges. Dan often acts as Second Chair in medical malpractice lawsuits. He has also been retained to assist physicians in administrative proceedings before peer review credentialing committees.

Dan is called upon to defend a wide array of medical malpractice matters, including cases involving death, brain-damage, obstetrical complications, medication errors, orthopedic injuries, decubitus ulcers and surgical complications.

Mindful of his clients' litigation goals, Dan uses an aggressive and proactive approach to advocate for his clients. Whether it is conducting an out-of-state meeting via video conference or digitizing records so they can be electronically transmitted to experts and clients instantly, Dan always strives to achieve maximum results in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

Dan has also assumed leadership roles within the firm and in the legal community. Dan previously served on the firm's Executive Committee and was President of the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel (PADC), a local defense bar organization comprised of approximately 300 attorneys. The PADC was recognized nationally in 2020 as one of the premier local civil defense bar organizations in the United States by Defense Research Institute.

PRACTICES

Catastrophic/Excess Liability

Healthcare

Litigation

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

Widener University School of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 2002

Kutztown University, BS, 1998

MEMBERSHIPS

Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel

Philadelphia Bar Association

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Dan is a Fellow of the Academy of Trial Advocacy. He serves as the Co-Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Medical-Legal Committee, State Civil Litigation Section.

In his time away from the office, Dan enjoys running and spending time with his wife, four daughters and son.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Successfully defended a commercial real estate company in a fall down case involving claims that the plaintiff suffered permanent injuries to her foot after falling from a bus. Dan tried the case over the course of three days and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. The case was successfully defended on appeal to both the Superior Court and Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Successfully argued for the reinstatement of a surgeon in a health network following a credentialing committee's decision to terminate. Along with the surgeon, Dan presented the appeal to a credentialing committee comprised of multiple physicians from varying specialties. Following the presentation to the credentialing committee, a decision was made to reinstate the surgeon back into the health network

Represented an emergency room physician in a case involving an alleged failure to diagnose bacterial meningitis; tried to a defense verdict after seven days of trial

Represented a large regional hospital in Central Pennsylvania in a medical malpractice case involving the death of a 48 year-old woman who died in the hospital two days after undergoing uncomplicated surgery for breast cancer; case was tried over the course of three weeks and resulted in a defense verdict

Represented a prominent Philadelphia-based physician's orthopedic practice group in five different malpractice cases, all of which resulted in defense verdicts

Tried a premises liability case to defense verdict for a national university involving claims that the plaintiff suffered significant physical injuries, including permanent injuries to her eye

Obtained summary judgment for a national university in a fall down case involving claims that a woman suffered significant and permanent injuries to her back and neck

IN THE NEWS

Daniel Ferhat Receives Two Awards for Service to the Legal Community
7.8.21

'Keeping Cases Moving Forward' Is Top Priority for Daniel Ferhat and the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel
The Legal Intelligencer, 9.9.20

Daniel Ferhat Elected President of the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel
6.24.20

Congratulations 2015 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.21.15

EVENTS

Open Court: Return of In-Person Jury Trials in Philadelphia and Resolving Cases During COVID-19
Webinar, 4.22.21

Peer Review & Patient Safety Protections: The Impact of Recent Court Decisions and Preservation Strategies
PASHRM Webinar, 11.16.20

What Obama's Precision Medicine Initiative May Mean for Health Information Managers and Professionals
Lorman Webinar, 3.29.17

Managing Cybersecurity in the Healthcare Industry: Best Practices Every Healthcare Organization Needs to Know
The Knowledge Group Webinar, 5.3.16

Jury Research
The Legal Intelligencer "Litigation Summit" Seminar, 9.10.15

Healthcare and Data Breaches - Vulnerability and Consequences
2015 Healthcare Summit, 5.7.15

PUBLICATIONS

PA Bill Offering Healthcare Providers COVID-19 Civil Immunity Vetoed
Healthcare Alert, 12.7.20

New PA Bill Offers COVID-19 Civil Immunity to Healthcare Providers
Healthcare Alert, 11.25.20

Jury Trials and Mediation in Philadelphia County: Virtually in Person
Litigation Alert, 6.9.20

A National Registry of COVID-19 Patients: The Legal Implications
Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Report, 6.5.20

Healthcare Goes Viral: Guidelines for Returning to the Front Lines
Healthcare Alert, 4.24.20

Will Pennsylvania Join Other States and Provide Immunity for Healthcare Workers Treating COVID-19 Patients?
Healthcare Alert, 4.15.20

Making the Stars Align in Your Healthcare System: The Growing Importance of Transparency in Patient Experiences
Healthcare Bulletin, 3.12.20

Pennsylvania Senate Report on the Anticipated Impact of the Proposed Repeal of the Medical Malpractice Venue Rule Delayed by One Month

Healthcare Alert, 1.3.20

PA Superior Court Holds Attorney-Client Communications in Divorce Records are Discoverable in Medical Malpractice Case

Healthcare Alert, 10.4.19

PA Supreme Court Announces New Work Product Doctrine Waiver Analysis with Regard to Dissemination of Information to Third Parties

Healthcare Alert, 6.24.19

PA Senate Bill 761 Introduced to Address the Task of Obtaining a Patient's Informed Consent

Healthcare Alert, 6.20.19

PA Supreme Court Confirms Risk/Complication Evidence Is Admissible for Standard of Care and Causation in Med Mal Cases

Healthcare Alert, 6.19.19

Proposal to Cut Venue Rule in Medical Malpractice Cases Sparks Debate

The Legal Intelligencer, 4.9.19

Pennsylvania Federal District Court Grants Summary Judgment on NIED Claim Involving an Alleged Negligent Diagnosis

Healthcare Alert, 5.24.18

Could a Fitbit Save Your Life?

Healthcare Talks, 5.10.17

What Obama's Precision Medicine Initiative May Mean for Risk Management

Healthcare Alert, 5.25.16

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Issues New "Guidance" on Mobile Health Applications

Healthcare Alert, 3.18.16

Hospital Pays Ransom to Hacker in Response to Malware Attack: An Eye-Opening Reality

Cyber Law and Data Protection Alert, 3.9.16

Securing Electronic Medical Records on Mobile Devices

Healthcare Alert, 8.26.15

Precision Medicine's Impact on Standard of Care

The Legal Intelligencer, Health Care Supplement, 2.15