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Susan A. Wagener focuses her practice on the defense of medical malpractice, nursing home litigation, personal injury, and health care professional licensure cases. She is also experienced in insurance defense litigation. In addition to her active trial practice, she regularly presents and publishes on topics related to malpractice risk management and defense of disciplinary matters. Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Wagener was a registered nurse, specializing in orthopedic and medical-surgical nursing care.

Practices:

- Dental Malpractice
- Long-Term Care Malpractice
- Medical & Healthcare Malpractice
- Professional Liability

Education:

- Marquette University Law School, J.D., 1985
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, with honors, 1982

Bar Admissions:

- Illinois
- Wisconsin
- United States Supreme Court
- Illinois Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Results

- Voluntary dismissal of nursing home wrongful death case involving allegations of failure to communicate abnormal lab results and change in condition.
- Successful professional license defense of Wisconsin licensed clinical professional counselor in case claiming improper care of a minor.
- Significantly reduced award in trial of plastic surgeon accused of negligence in burns to the face following laser hair removal treatment.
- Not guilty verdict in physician negligence case involving allegations of failure to diagnose pulmonary embolism/death.
- Defense verdict in hospital negligence case involving allegations of decubitus ulcers, sepsis, and death.
- Voluntary dismissal of nursing home case involving allegations of failure to properly transcribe physician order and to properly administer kidney transplant anti-rejection medication.
- Summary judgment granted in hospital case involving allegations of negligence in performance of arterial blood gas, allegedly causing compartment syndrome.
- Successful licensure defense of physician assistant before the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Matter closed with no disciplinary action taken following hearing on allegations of inappropriate physical contact with a patient.
- Defense verdict in retrial (after first trial resulted in a hung jury) of nursing home defendant accused of negligence involving a patient's death after a fall.

Professional Associations

- The American Association of Nurse Attorneys
- Board of Directors
- Defense Research Institute
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Wisconsin State Bar Association