

Medical & Healthcare Malpractice

Dedication to the medical and healthcare community is part of our culture.

Our team is led by experienced malpractice defense trial lawyers who instill a deep sense of appreciation for practitioners in the healthcare community, borne out of the teamwork that comes with the intense preparation and trial of medical malpractice cases.

We have expertise in handling all matters of claims related to healthcare professionals and entities, as well as their individual licensure. Our long-standing regard in this community speaks to our success and our committed relationship with our clients. Our experience defending medical malpractice cases through trial drives a focused planning process and nuanced approach in workup of the lawsuit.

We understand that malpractice cases have a strong impact on healthcare providers personally, on healthcare systems publicly, and all of our clients financially. Our goal is to keep that impact positive.

Case Results

NOVEMBER 25, 2025

HeplerBroom Attorneys Prevail in Another Madison County Wrongful Death Case

OCTOBER 28, 2025

Zupanci and Jolley Secure Defense Verdict in Madison County Wrongful Death Claim

MARCH 14, 2025

Oldenburg and Gyparakis Secure Defense Verdict In Cook County Dental Malpractice Case

OCTOBER 18, 2024

Oldenburg and Boeckman Part of Litigation Team that Secures Confirmation from Illinois Supreme Court of Immunity for Healthcare Facilities and Providers During COVID-19 Pandemic

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RELATED PRACTICES

Healthcare

AUGUST 22, 2024

Nielsen and Caldwell Successfully Defend Cook County Hospital Against Negligence Claim

AUGUST 15, 2024

Banasek and Boeckman Secure Summary Judgment on Hospital COVID Negligence Suit

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Oldenburg and Willenborg Secure Defense Verdict for Surgeon

AUGUST 29, 2023

Oldenburg and Boeckman Prevail in Defending Immunity in COVID-19 Cases

MAY 7, 2019

Oldenburg and Banasek Obtain Defense Verdict in Malpractice Case

APRIL 3, 2018

Hay and Brandabur Secure Another Defense Verdict in Malpractice Trial

FEBRUARY 8, 2018

Hay and Brandabur Secure Defense Verdict in Malpractice Trial

JUNE 15, 2017

Hay and Wagener Secure Defense Verdict in Medical Malpractice/Long-Term Care Trial

Insights

News

JANUARY 22, 2026 | RECOGNITION

15 HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

AUGUST 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

19 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2026 Best Lawyers Lists

JULY 29, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Attorneys Take on Leadership Roles for Illinois Attorney Organization

JULY 22, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

New Associate Joins HeplerBroom

JULY 15, 2025 | RECOGNITION

Oldenburg Receives Dental Insurers Distinguished Defender of the Specialty Award

JUNE 26, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds Additional Medical Malpractice Defense Attorney

JUNE 24, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Kuchar Appointed to IDC Board

APRIL 29, 2025 | RECOGNITION

Banasek Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from Risk Management Society

JANUARY 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

15 HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

NOVEMBER 12, 2024 | RECOGNITION

Five HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2024 Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyers/Rising Star

OCTOBER 15, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

St. Louis Office Adds New Fall Associate

AUGUST 15, 2024 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2025 Best Lawyers Lists

MAY 14, 2024 | RECOGNITION

Gyparakis Receives Award from Healthcare Risk Management Society

FEBRUARY 9, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

Marqui Joins HeplerBroom

JANUARY 25, 2024 | RECOGNITION

13 HB Attorneys Named 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

DECEMBER 7, 2023 | RECOGNITION

Six HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2023 Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyers

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds New Fall Associates

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 | RECOGNITION

HeplerBroom Included in Best Law Firms® 2024 Edition

AUGUST 17, 2023 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2024 Best Lawyers Lists

AUGUST 8, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Bushnell Joins HeplerBroom as Associate

MAY 2, 2023 | RECOGNITION

Oldenburg Receives National Industry Defender Award

AUGUST 2, 2022 | RECOGNITION

Oldenburg Nominated for Defense Attorney of the Year

MAY 19, 2022 | FIRM NEWS

Banasek Elected to Risk Management Society Board of Directors

NOVEMBER 4, 2021 | RECOGNITION

HeplerBroom Ranked Nationally as a 2022 "Best Law Firm"

Publications

DECEMBER 3, 2025 | PUBLICATION

Boeckman Publishes Article in DRI's *For the Defense* on Defending Long-Term Care Wound Cases

NOVEMBER 11, 2025 | PUBLICATION

Five HeplerBroom Attorneys Publish Features, Articles, and Columns for Illinois Defense Counsel's Professional Journal

FEBRUARY 25, 2025 | PUBLICATION

HeplerBroom Attorneys Discuss Appellate and Medical Malpractice Cases in *IDC Quarterly*

APRIL 16, 2024 | PUBLICATION

HeplerBroom Attorneys Published in State Professional Journal

OCTOBER 24, 2023 | PUBLICATION

Oldenburg and Janowiak Case Results Article Published in Professional Journal

APRIL 11, 2023 | PUBLICATION

HeplerBroom Attorneys Contribute to State Law Journal

JUNE 10, 2021 | PUBLICATION

Wagner Analyzes Important Appellate Decision on Jury Instructions in Medical Malpractice Cases

JUNE 23, 2020 | PUBLICATION

Hay and Wagener Published in Medical Liability Journal

JANUARY 15, 2019 | PUBLICATION

Hay and Brandabur Publish Article on Managing Risk of Discrimination in the Medical Profession

NOVEMBER 8, 2018 | PUBLICATION

Banasek and Brandabur Publish Article on Medical Malpractice

Events

NOVEMBER 25, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek Talks with Risk Management Association About Agency and Ancillary Staff in Hospital and Long-Term Patient Care and Litigation

NOVEMBER 13, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay Helps Florida Dentists Learn how to Defend Against Malpractice Claims

NOVEMBER 8, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Oldenburg and Banasek Headline State Dental Specialty's Fall Education Program

NOVEMBER 6, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Oldenburg Discusses Litigation Hot Topics at Prestigious Defense Counsel's Insurance Industry Institute

NOVEMBER 4, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Boeckman and Caldwell Update Illinois Healthcare Risk Managers on HIPAA Changes and Their Impact on Hospitals and Clinics

OCTOBER 23, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek Discusses Importance of Documentation at National Risk Management Conference

OCTOBER 10, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Wagener Talks with Nurse Attorneys About Defending Professional Licenses Against Substance Abuse Disorder Allegations

JUNE 6, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Boeckman To Address State Healthcare Risk Managers on Virtual/Telehealth Liability Issues

MAY 21, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Oldenburg Speaks at Medical Professional Liability Association's Claims Defense Forum

FEBRUARY 22, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek Addresses Risk Management at Dental Conference

DECEMBER 5, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

HeplerBroom Attorneys Discuss HIPAA Compliance with County Health Department

NOVEMBER 8, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Wagener Discusses Legal Issues in Nursing with Senior Nursing Students

OCTOBER 31, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay Discusses Risk Management with California Dentists

OCTOBER 17, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Wagener to be Keynote Speaker at Advanced Practice Nursing Seminar on Legal Risks of Practice

MARCH 28, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek Discusses Risk Management for Dentists

MARCH 19, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Oldenburg and Banasek Discuss Standards of Care with Chicago Dental Society Members

AUGUST 31, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Gyparakis and Hay Teach Legal Continuing Ed Course for State Defense Association

FEBRUARY 24, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek and Boeckman to Present to Chicago Dental Society

FEBRUARY 10, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay and Varadachari to Headline ADTA Webinar on Business Development Post COVID

NOVEMBER 9, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Wagener Spoke to Nursing Students about Legal Considerations of the Profession

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay and Oldenburg to Discuss Risk Management at Regional Dental Meeting

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Oldenburg to be Part of Educational Series for Dentists

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek to Speak at Long-Term Care Seminar

MAY 19, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek to Speak to Nationwide Group of Healthcare Risk Managers and Leaders

APRIL 22, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek to Speak to Chicago Risk Management Group

MARCH 11, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay Presents Webinar on Dental Risk Management

FEBRUARY 11, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Oldenburg And Hay to Speak at Dental Workshop

FEBRUARY 4, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek and Wagener Present Educational Series to National Senior Living Provider

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Wagener Helps Nursing Students Understand Legal Considerations of the Profession

SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay to Speak to Professional Association

JULY 9, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek and Brandabur Present Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Dentists

JUNE 18, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek on Panel Discussing Medical Liability in the Age of Covid-19

FEBRUARY 6, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay to Speak to Chicago Dental Society

JANUARY 14, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Oldenburg and Hay to Speak to Dental Group

DECEMBER 26, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay and Crissie Present Webinar on Dress Rehearsals for Trials

DECEMBER 12, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Wagener Presents Webinar on Defending Professional License

OCTOBER 17, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Wilson Brings Dual Perspective to Keynote Speech for Medical Emergency Providers

OCTOBER 11, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay and Oldenburg to Speak to Dentists in Illinois

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Oldenburg to Speak on Assisted Living Litigation at DRI Seminar

AUGUST 13, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay Speaks to Executives about Long-Term Care Facility Administration and the Law

AUGUST 7, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay and Banasek to Speak to Dental Practice and the Law

JUNE 20, 2019 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Wagener Presenting Webinar on Disciplinary Defense for Nurses

APRIL 17, 2019 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Hay Discusses Anatomy of a Malpractice Claim

MARCH 21, 2019 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Hay and Oldenburg Present Continuing Education Seminar to Dentists

MARCH 14, 2019 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Banasek and Khan to Discuss Social Media's Impact on Healthcare Claims

FEBRUARY 20, 2019 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Wagener Presents Webinar on Professional Advocacy

FEBRUARY 1, 2019 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Oldenburg and Hay Discuss Legalities in the Dental Practice

NOVEMBER 3, 2018 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Wagener to Discuss Nurses' Legal Rights in Protecting and Defending Nursing Licenses

SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Hay and Oldenburg to Speak to Dentists in Illinois and California

MAY 10, 2018 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Oldenburg and Hay to Speak at Iowa Dental Seminar

MARCH 8, 2018 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Zupanci Speaker and Odom Co-Chair of IDC Medical Malpractice Seminar

FEBRUARY 22, 2018 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Hay and Oldenburg to Speak at Dental Society Meeting

FEBRUARY 22, 2018 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Chicago Attorneys Present Educational Series on Medical Records Documentation

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Hay and Oldenburg to Speak at California Dental Seminar

AUGUST 31, 2017 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Hay and Oldenburg to Speak at Dental Seminar

Blog Posts

DECEMBER 9, 2025 | [BLOG](#)

Sequestration Slip-Ups: Why Illinois' Rule of Evidence 615 Matters in Medical Malpractice Trials

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 | [BLOG](#)

Illinois Dental Practice Act Update: Amendments Expand the Dental Workforce

[JULY 31, 2025 | BLOG](#)

Inaccurate Instructions and Interest on the Verdict: Takeaways from Johnson v. Advocate For the Medical Negligence Professional

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Illinois Appellate Court Rules on Sole Proximate Cause Jury Instruction

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Illinois Appellate Court Examines a Duty to Others in an Operating Room

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Expenses Covered by Medicaid Rendered Unrecoverable to Parents in Illinois

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Suboxone Class Action Lawsuit: Why it Matters to Dentists and Those Involved with Dental Malpractice

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Settlement of Whistleblower Claims under False Claims Act Points out Importance of Submitting Accurate Medicare and Medicaid Claims

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Beyond the Signature: How Context and Timing of Consent Forms Can Impact Apparent Agency Claims

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Articaine v Lidocaine: A Study in Defending Local Anesthesia Use

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Diminishing the Requirement for Causation Experts

[SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 | BLOG](#)

To Err is Human: Seventh Circuit Holds that Hospital is Immune from Liability Related to Misdiagnosis

[OCTOBER 7, 2021 | BLOG](#)

Illinois Supreme Court Allows Plaintiff to Redesignate a 213(f)(3) Controlled Expert to 201(b)(3) Consultant During Discovery

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Plaintiffs Take a Chance: The Development of Nonpattern Jury Instructions on the Loss of Chance Doctrine

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Medical Malpractice Payments for Individual Practitioners: The Limited Exceptions to Data Bank Reporting

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Travel vs. Transport and Immunity Under Illinois' EMS Act

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Don't Flip Out: When Using Exhibits at Trial, How Far Does the Plaintiff's Expert Have to Go to Show Substantial Similarity?

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 | BLOG

A Review of Negligent Credentialing Case Law

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Use of National Databases to Determine Reasonableness of Charges for Medical Services

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For Convenience Sake: How Hospitals Can Utilize the Doctrine of Intrastate Forum Non Conveniens to Transfer Medical Malpractice Lawsuits to More Convenient Forums

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What is Objectively Unreasonable Healthcare? Has the Implementation of *Kingsley v. Hendrickson* Caused an Unworkable Standard for Evaluating a Healthcare Professional's Medical Decision- Making Under Section 1983?

MARCH 5, 2020 | BLOG

Pro Se It Ain't So: Defending a Meritless Medical Malpractice Suit Filed by a Self-Represented Litigant

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The Antiquity of "Apparent Agency" in the Modern Health Care System

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Until Death Do Us Part ... The Impact of a Plaintiff's Death During Litigation

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Excluding Evidence of Medical Malpractice Lawsuits Filed against Experts Testifying in Medical Malpractice Cases

MAY 2, 2018 | BLOG

Expand the List of Hospital Apparent Agents? The Illinois Supreme Court Says Not So Fast