

## Professional Liability

Professionals, serving professionals. Our passion to defend the wide scope of professional liability claims is evidenced by our track record.

Our dedication and skill, along with our commitment to excellence, service, and value, drive successful results for our clients. Our attorneys have successfully defended thousands of professionals against claims of wrongdoing. The sophistication of these clients and the claims against them demands a sophisticated approach to resolution. We deliver those results.

Our success is rooted in the concept that when our clients ask us to try cases, we are ready, willing, and able to take a case through to verdict. The experience of taking cases to verdict and on appeal serves as the basis for our creative approach, our strategic advantage, and the recommendations to the defense team in every case we handle.

Thoughtful planning, attention to detail, and ongoing communication among the defense team provides clarity to the progression of the case, whether the goal is early resolution, dispositive motion, or an aggressive defense through trial. This process best assures successful results and long-term satisfaction for our professional clientele.

## 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

OCTOBER 28, 2025

HeplerBroom Attorneys Secure Defense Verdict in St. Louis Professional Liability Trial

## PRACTICE CONTACTS

M. Brendhan Flynn

Meg L. Fowler

Anne M. Oldenburg

Thomas H. Wilson

Dede K. Zupanci

## PROFESSIONALS

Justin L. Assouad

Tammera E. Banasek

Mallory R. Barrett

LaDonna L. Boeckman

Chelsea L. Caldwell

Justin K. Curtis

Eleni Gyparakis

Kathleen S. Hamilton

Kurt M. Koepke

M. Colleen LaVelle

Briana J. Leatherberry

Gary A. Meadows

Isaac R. Melton

Eric W. Moch

Margaret M. Molloy

Amanda M. Mueller

Mary N. Nielsen

Katie F. Vinge

Susan A. Wagener

Christian R. Willenborg, MD

## RELATED PRACTICES

Dental Malpractice

Legal Malpractice

MARCH 14, 2025

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

Long-Term Care Malpractice

Medical & Healthcare Malpractice

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

Hamilton and Magee Secure Defense Verdict for Legal Malpractice Client

Producer Errors & Omissions

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

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

APRIL 16, 2024

HeplerBroom Attorney Wins \$2.9 Million Award for Tennis Coach in a Defamation Lawsuit

APRIL 9, 2024

Davis and Insler Secure Summary Judgment in Accountant Professional Liability Case

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 23, 2023

Flynn Obtains Appellate Affirmation of Summary Judgment in St. Louis Professional Liability Case

JULY 18, 2022

Hamilton and Magee Earn Summary Judgment in Legal Malpractice Case

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

MAY 4, 2016

Champlin Obtained Dismissal with Prejudice in Lawsuit in St. Clair County, Illinois

## Insights

### News

JANUARY 22, 2026 | RECOGNITION

15 HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

JANUARY 20, 2026 | FIRM NEWS

Hamilton Appointed Appellate Court Judge by Missouri Governor

OCTOBER 27, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Former Assistant State's Attorney Joins Chicago Office

OCTOBER 14, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Fowler Inducted into Prestigious Trial Lawyers Association

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 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

MAY 1, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds Additional Insurance Defense Attorney

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

JANUARY 6, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds Three New Partners

AUGUST 15, 2024 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2025 Best Lawyers Lists

JANUARY 25, 2024 | RECOGNITION

13 HB Attorneys Named 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

JANUARY 2, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Announces Four New Partners

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 | RECOGNITION

HeplerBroom Included in Best Law Firms® 2024 Edition

AUGUST 17, 2023 | RECOGNITION

Three HeplerBroom Attorneys Named Best Lawyers' 2024 "Lawyers of the Year"

AUGUST 17, 2023 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2024 Best Lawyers Lists

MAY 2, 2023 | RECOGNITION

Oldenburg Receives National Industry Defender Award

NOVEMBER 3, 2022 | RECOGNITION

HeplerBroom Ranked Nationally as a 2023 "Best Law Firm"

AUGUST 2, 2022 | RECOGNITION

Oldenburg Nominated for Defense Attorney of the Year

JUNE 14, 2022 | FIRM NEWS

Reda is Certified Mediator

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"

JUNE 8, 2021 | RECOGNITION

Magee and Noce Named to Elite List of Powerful Defense Attorneys

AUGUST 25, 2020 | RECOGNITION

Three HeplerBroom Attorneys Named Best Lawyers' 2021 "Lawyers Of The Year"

NOVEMBER 29, 2018 | RECOGNITION

Magee Named to Top 50 Lawyers in St. Louis

NOVEMBER 1, 2016 | RECOGNITION

HeplerBroom Ranked a 2017 Tier 1 "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

OCTOBER 24, 2023 | PUBLICATION

Oldenburg and Janowiak Case Results Article Published in Professional Journal

JUNE 10, 2021 | PUBLICATION

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

JUNE 23, 2020 | PUBLICATION

Hay and Wagener Published in Medical Liability Journal

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek Helps Long-Term Care Leaders Understand Legal Effects of Utilizing Agency and Ancillary Staff

MAY 21, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

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

NOVEMBER 19, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek and Janowiak Present Risk Management Webinar for Italian Dental Society

NOVEMBER 8, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Wagener Discusses Legal Issues in Nursing with Senior Nursing Students

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

MAY 4, 2022 | EVENT

Magee and Hamilton Moderate State Bar Association Virtual Event

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

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

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

JULY 9, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Banasek and Brandabur Present Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Dentists

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

OCTOBER 11, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay and Oldenburg to Speak to Dentists in Illinois

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

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

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

FEBRUARY 22, 2018 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Chicago Attorneys Present Educational Series on Medical Records Documentation

OCTOBER 5, 2017 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Wagener to Speak at Nursing Colloquium about Legal Aspects of Substance Abuse Disorder

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 | [BLOG](#)

Illinois Passes Legislation on Using AI in Delivering Mental Health Services

JULY 31, 2025 | [BLOG](#)

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

APRIL 17, 2025 | [BLOG](#)

Only Exceptional Circumstances Allow Attorneys to be Sued by Non-Clients for What Attorneys Did on Behalf of Their Clients

MAY 30, 2024 | [BLOG](#)

Plaintiff Says His Attorneys' Press Release Violated HIPAA. Illinois Supreme Court Says It Didn't

NOVEMBER 21, 2023 | [BLOG](#)

Diminishing the Requirement for Causation Experts

APRIL 13, 2023 | [BLOG](#)

Illinois Attorneys Could Be Liable for Punitive Damages in Malpractice Claims

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 | [BLOG](#)

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

APRIL 14, 2022 | [BLOG](#)

Medical Care and Legislation Continue to Intersect Over Transgender Therapies for Minors

DECEMBER 13, 2021 | [BLOG](#)

There's No Place Like Home—Unless You Live Next Door: Venue and Forum in Litigation

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 | [BLOG](#)

Are Arbitration Clauses in Attorney Engagement Letters Enforceable?

MARCH 18, 2021 | [BLOG](#)

Travel vs. Transport and Immunity Under Illinois' EMS Act

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 | [BLOG](#)

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

JUNE 23, 2020 | [BLOG](#)

Three Tips (and a Bonus!) for Navigating an Illinois ARDC Complaint or Investigation

MARCH 11, 2020 | [BLOG](#)

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?

NOVEMBER 19, 2019 | [BLOG](#)

Putting Your Legal Malpractice Carrier on Notice of a Potential Claim: Must a Missouri Lawyer "Foresee" Changes in the Law?

NOVEMBER 12, 2019 | BLOG

No “Costs” Uncovered: The Appellate Court’s Expansive Redefinition of “Costs”

AUGUST 29, 2019 | BLOG

Does an Illinois Insurance Producer Owe a Legal Duty to an Additional Insured on a Policy It Procured? It Certainly Shouldn’t, and Here’s Why

JULY 24, 2019 | BLOG

Healthcare Practitioners: Anatomy of an IDFPR Complaint

JULY 18, 2019 | BLOG

Fee Shifting Provision of Illinois Nursing Home Care Act: Insight into Appellate Court’s Potential Interpretations

MAY 16, 2019 | BLOG

Shifting Attorney’s Fees Under Illinois’ Nursing Home Care Act: Another Form of Abuse

APRIL 22, 2019 | BLOG

Involuntary Discharges and Transfers in Illinois: A Guide for Nursing Homes in the Pre-Hearing Stage

APRIL 20, 2019 | BLOG

Navigating the Rules for Nursing Home Involuntary Discharges/Transfers in Missouri: Steps to Follow Before the Resident Appeals

MAY 17, 2018 | BLOG

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

APRIL 18, 2018 | BLOG

Illinois Supreme Court has Opportunity to Clarify Fiduciary Duties Owed by Insurance Producers to Clients