

Independent Study Ranks Clifford Law Second in State for Medical Malpractice Successes

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The firm, which has handled a variety of personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits for more than three decades, totaled \$188.5 million in recoveries in med mal cases from data collected for a decade, 2000-2010.

The study was conducted by a number of professors including Northwestern University School of Law and University of Illinois College of Law who examined 1,317 firms and came up with the top 15 firms in the state of Illinois.

Questions posed were, "Do successful plaintiffs' lawyers start off with better cases to begin with, do they add more value to the cases they handle, or some of both? How do top plaintiffs' lawyers market their services, and where did they go to school?" The study concluded "that there are substantial benefits to having a lawyer – and a lawyer from a higher tier." Clifford Law Offices ranked in the first tier.

Robert A. Clifford, founder and senior partner at the firm, has had many successful medical malpractice verdicts and settlements in his long legal career. Keith A. Hebeisen, head of the med mal team at the firm, has tried dozens of cases to verdict in his 30-year-plus career, setting several records in various counties across the state. For decades, he has edited the Illinois Trial Lawyers Medical Malpractice Trial Notebook, often considered the "bible" for handling med mal cases in the state.

The study further concluded "Cook County accounts for 47% of all med mal cases in Illinois – only slightly more than its share of Illinois healthcare spending (45%) ... In contrast, Madison and St. Clair Counties have about the same share of med mal cases and total recoveries that one would expect, based on their population and healthcare spending. ... [The study] offers a modicum of support6 for those who believe Cook County is a litigation hot spot, but little evidence for Madison and St. Lair Counties," often referred to as a "judicial hell hole" for cases.

Click here to read the entire study. To learn more about Clifford Law Offices, visit www.CliffordLaw.com.



About Clifford Law Offices

Clifford Law Offices is ranked one of the top law firms in Illinois as well as in the country in the area of complex personal injury and wrongful death cases such as medical malpractice, aviation litigation, products liability, premises liability and transportation litigation. It also has developed a reputation in qui tam litigation or whistleblower cases and handles class action matters as well as commercial litigation cases.