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EDUCATION

DePaul University College of Law, 2011

Summa Cum Laude
Order of the Coif
DePaul Law Review
Dean's List
Class Rank: Top 5%

- CALI Award Recipient, Trial Advocacy II, Spring 2011
- CALI Award Recipient, Commercial Paper, Spring 2011
- CALI Award Recipient, Legal Analysis III, Fall 2009
- Intramural Winner, ABA Client Counseling Competition, 2009
- Alumnae Relations Coordinator, Women's Law Caucus, 2009-2010

Loyola University Chicago, 2008

B.A. in English and Women's Studies with a Minor in Political Science, conferred May 2008
English Honor's & Dean's List
Vice President, Alpha Sigma Alpha, 2007-2008
President, Panhellenic Council, 2006-2007

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, General Bar, February 1, 2012
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Trial Bar, February 7, 2018
Illinois State Bar, November 10, 2011

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA)
Women's Bar Association of Illinois (WBAI)
American Association for Justice (AAJ)
Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA)
Chicago Bar Association (CBA)
American Bar Association (ABA)

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES & POSITIONS

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA)

- Treasurer, Present
- Parliamentarian, 2022-2024
- Secretary, 2021-2022
- Board of Managers, 2015- Present
- Women's Caucus, founding Co-Chair
- Women Everywhere, Planning Committee ITLA Delegate 2013-Present

Women's Bar Association (WBAI)

- President 2024-2025
- 1st Vice President, 2023-2024
- 2nd Vice President, 2022-2023
- Financial Secretary, 2021-2022
- Director, 2017-2020
- TWLIL Co-Chair, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Annual Dinner Planning Committee Co-Chair, 2016-2017
- Annual Dinner Planning Committee, 2015-2018
- Judicial Reception Planning Committee, 2015, 2016-2017
- Judicial Reception Co-Chair, 2019
- Newsletter, Legal Developments Section Editor, June 2012-2016
- L2L Mentorship 2017-Present
- CLE Committee Co-Chair, 2020-Present
- JEC Committee Co-Chair, 2018-Present

WILPOWER Political Action Committee

- President/Chair, 2021-2025

Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA)

- Assembly Member, May 2016-2020

AWARDS

- Crain's Chicago Business, 40 Under 40, 2022
- Crain's Chicago Business Most Influential Women Lawyers, 2017
- Leading Lawyers Magazine "Emerging Lawyer" 2017-Present

- Super Lawyers Magazine “Illinois Rising Star” 2015- Present
- Chicago Law Bulletin 40 Under 40, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

ICLE, Chapter 12, Trial, Co- Author, Present

ITLA Medical Malpractice Trial Notebook, Co-Editor 2014-Present

Closing Argument, Medical Malpractice Trial Notebook, Chapter 8, Author 2022-Present

Res Ipsa Loquitur, Medical Malpractice Trial Notebook, Chapter 12, Author 2014 – 2021

Lessons From My Dead Fish Voir Dire, Litigation Journal, American Bar Association, Summer 2018

When Jurors Ask Questions, Litigation Journal, American Bar Association, Winter 2015

The Power of Informed Consent, Trial Journal, Summer 2013 (*with Keith A. Hebeisen*)

A Storyteller’s Apprentice, Litigation Journal, American Bar Association, Summer 2013

Illinois Supreme Court Determines Allegations of Actual and Apparent Agency Are Not

Separate Causes of Action for Purposes of Res Judicata, WBAI Newsletter, Spring 2013

Medical Malpractice Trial Notebook, Research Assistant 2010-2013

Women’s Preventative Services and The Affordable Care Act, WBAI Newsletter, Winter 2012

The Privacy of a Mother’s Medical Information: A Correct Reading of El-Amin v. Dempsey Trial Journal, Summer 2012 (*with Keith A. Hebeisen*)

Till’ Death Do Us Part or Otherwise Approved By the Court?: Interpreting the Language of §510(c) Regarding Post-Death Maintenance Obligations and Life Insurance, 60 DePaul L. Rev. 713 (2011).

What is Your Favorite Book? : Using Narrative to Teach Theme Development in Persuasive Writing, Mary Ann Becker, 46 Gonz. L. Rev. 575, Research Assistant 2010-2011

TEACHING

Adjunct Professor, DePaul University School of Law, “Medical Malpractice Survey” Fall 2014 – 2017

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Woman Everywhere: Partners in Service Project (“WE”)

- President 2019-2020
- Vice President, 2018-2019
- Board of Directors, 2017- 2024
- Planning Committee Co-Chair, 2014-2017
- ITLA Delegate, 2012-Present
- Fundraising Chair, 2013-2014

SELECTED VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

Gewarges v. Sarraj (April 2025) \$6,847,000 **Verdict**

- *Verdict on behalf of woman who suffered permanent disabilities due to an undiagnosed carotid artery dissection and stroke.*

Buchta v. Construction Company (October 2024) \$8,000,000 Settlement

- Settlement on behalf of widow whose husband was killed as a result of construction company's failure to comply with safety regulations for construction equipment on a public highway

Schantz v. Medical Facility (August 2024) \$4,000,000 Settlement

- Settlement on behalf of husband and young children whose mother died following the placement of an oversized cardiac sent.

Augustine v. Loyola (February 2024) \$6,468, 911 **Record Verdict**

- The 10-day trial a verdict obtained on behalf of a 58-year-old man who suffered debilitating injuries due to a malpositioned hip implant.

Edburg v. Trucking Company (January 2024) \$5,500,000 Settlement

- Settlement on behalf of a widow whose husband was killed in a head on collision with a semi-truck

Madsen v. Northwest Community Hospital (September 2023) \$10,222,000 **Verdict**

- Verdict obtained a on behalf of a 49-year-old man whose right leg was amputated as a result of medical malpractice at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights.

Henderson v. Hospital (May 2023) \$4,200,000 Settlement

- Settlement on behalf of parents whose lost their only child due to a failure to diagnose and treat DVT/PE

Cho v. Mental Health Facility (July 2022) \$6,500,000 Settlement

- Settlement on behalf of family whose daughter eloped from mental health facility and died as a result of completed suicide.

Cavanaugh v. Hospital (January 2022) \$4,000,000 Settlement

- Settlement of behalf of family whose college aged son died as a result of an alleged failure to manage his neurologic care.

Powder v. OSF (June 2021) \$1,100,000 Verdict

- Verdict on behalf of a widow and her son whose husband and father died during a routine cardiac catheterization due to surgical negligence.

Sallis v. West Suburban Hospital (November 2019) \$100,673,368 **Record Verdict**

- Record verdict on behalf of now five-year-old boy who was brain damaged at birth when his external fetal monitoring strips were ignored for six hours. Experts on behalf of the plaintiff testified that he would have been born a normal baby if hospital nurses and other medical personnel would have alerted doctors to the abnormalities and performed an emergency C-section.

Ziembra v. USA, (February 2019) \$22,900,000 Settlement

- Settlement obtained on behalf of a baby who sustained a severe and permanent brain injury due to a lack of oxygen to his organs during labor and delivery. This is one of the United States District Court Northern District of Illinois' largest in a birth injury settlements.

Joseph v. Community Hospital, (August 2018) \$2,150,000 Settlement

- Settlement obtained on behalf of parents who's 21 month old son died due to the defendants failure to properly treat an air embolism during an ERCP procedure.

Sablin v. Medical Group, et al (July 2018), \$4,600,000 Settlement

- Settlement obtained on behalf of disabled man and his wife who suffered a stroke after the defendant cardiologist and primary care physician failed to order a recommended CTA or inform the patient of the recommendation.

Brown v. Hospital (February 2018), \$3,600,000 Settlement

- Settlement obtained on behalf of disabled minor who suffered irreversible brain injury due to obstetrical team's failure to perform a timely C-section.

Vermeis v. Health System (May 2017) \$1,350,000 Settlement

- Settlement obtained on behalf of a woman after the defendant transected and removed part of her median nerve leaving a 6-7cm gap and causing a complete loss of sensory and motor function to the innervated arm muscles, ligaments and fingers.

Fitzgerald v. Hospital (October 2016) \$2,500,000 Settlement

- Settlement obtained on behalf of widow and children of man who died following routine lumbar decompression surgery due to medical staff's failure to properly monitor oxygen saturations while on IV morphine in the post-operative period.

Vandelinder v. Northwestern Hospital (August 2016) \$3,300,000 **Verdict**

- Verdict obtained during trial on behalf of a cancer survivor who was negligently administered a ten times overdose of nephrotoxic anti-viral medication resulting in complete kidney failure and death.

Harper v. Hospital (March 2016) \$3,949,999 Settlement

- Settlement obtained of widow and minor son following the death of their beloved husband and father, age 49, resulting from physicians' failure to return to the hospital to evaluate and treat bilateral pulmonary emboli despite calls from nursing staff reporting respiratory events.

Bubs v. Gibson Community Hospital (December 2015) \$950,000 **Verdict** (*Ford County Record*)

- Two week medical malpractice jury trial with Keith A. Hebeisen, partner, involving the wrongful death of a 73 year old man following the repeated misdiagnosis of chest pain as a gastrointestinal issue and failure to order cardiac testing. Case No. 11 L 15

Clemente v. Hospital (August 2015) \$5,000,000 Settlement

- Settlement obtained on behalf of patient who required multiple reoperations and abdominal reconstruction after it was discovered that his general surgeon and surgical nursing staff left a FISH retractor in his abdomen following an exploratory laparotomy for the treatment of diverticulitis.

Cohen v. Medical Center (March 2015) \$1,820,000 Settlement

- Settlement on behalf of young mother who committed suicide as a result of defendants' failure to diagnose and treat post-partum psychosis following the birth of her second child.

Zapalski v. Aniol, M.D (March 2014) \$13,550,000 **Verdict**

- Two week medical malpractice jury trial with Bradley M. Cosgrove, partner, involving a severe disabling stroke suffered by a 37 year old woman just thirteen days after negligently being prescribed Yasmin birth control by her treating gynecologist. Case No. 09 L 004061

Lopez v. University of Chicago (November 2013) \$15,550,000 **Verdict**

- Three week medical malpractice jury trial with Keith A. Hebeisen, partner, involving the wrongful death of a 33-year old mother who sustained massive hemorrhage during cesarean section caused by the defendants' negligence in failing to diagnose and properly treat a placental percreta visible on ultrasound. Case No. 09 L 012356

Novak v. Hinsdale Hospital (January 2013) \$2,225,000 **Verdict**

- Two week medical malpractice jury trial with Keith A. Hebeisen, partner, involving the wrongful death of a 31 week fetus caused by defendants' negligence in failing to recognize fetal distress and perform a timely cesarean section. Case No. 08 L 11870

PREVIOUS FIRM AFFILIATIONS & POSITIONS

Clifford Law Offices Chicago, IL

Law Clerk, 2009- 2011

Law Offices of Alan D. Hoffenberg Chicago, IL

Law Clerk, 2009