Negligence, Malpractice & Ethics in Healthcare

The threat of claims alleging professional negligence, malpractice, or ethical violations is an ever-present concern for healthcare professionals. In the absence of a vigorous defense, these accusations can jeopardize a provider's license and professional reputation, as well as impose severe financial repercussions. Our team brings deep legal acumen to the table, combined with a comprehensive understanding of medical practices and the specific regulations governing members of the healthcare sector. Our services in this critical area of the firm's practice focus on the representation of a broad spectrum of healthcare providers, including physicians, nurses, dentists, medical specialists, physical therapists, mental health professionals, hospitals and medical practices, and other licensed healthcare professionals.

The firm represents healthcare professionals in investigations initiated by state professional licensing boards, including the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners (BME), in response to patient complaints, self-reports, or referrals from other agencies. We provide defense in formal disciplinary hearings, advocating on behalf of our clients to prevent or minimize sanctions such as license suspension, revocation, probation, or fines. We defend clients against allegations of professional misconduct, including ethical breaches, geographic boundary violations, substance abuse issues, or other behaviors that could jeopardize a professional license. We assist with applications for license reinstatement and pursue administrative appeals of adverse board decisions.

Our civil litigation defense services include defending healthcare providers in lawsuits alleging medical malpractice, misdiagnosis, surgical errors, medication errors, birth injuries, and other forms of professional negligence leading to patient harm. This work includes analyzing the causal link between alleged negligence and claimed injuries, and challenging the extent of damages sought by plaintiffs, as well as the coordination of expert witnesses. When appropriate, we explore and negotiate favorable settlements through alternative dispute resolution methods including mediation to resolve claims efficiently.

Professional negligence claims, which may not necessarily rise to the level of medical malpractice, may allege a failure to meet the professional standard of care, leading to adverse outcomes. These matters often require nuanced arguments regarding best practice protocols, procedures, and professional judgment.

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Experience

Representative Matters

- Secured dismissal, following jurisdictional discovery, of two corporate owners of a nursing home in litigation alleging violations of the New Jersey Nursing Home and Rights of Residents Act, negligence, gross negligence, and wrongful death.

Published Cases

- In *Stilianessis v. Dionne, DMD* (2018), represented the plaintiff in a dental malpractice appeal before the New Jersey Appellate Division, securing reversal based on improper “net opinion” expert testimony standards.

Insights & More

Announcements

2026 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 54 Attorneys in 41 Practice Areas: Eight Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on “Ones to Watch” List
8.21.25

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Recognized on 2025 "Best Law Firms®" rankings by Best Lawyers®
11.06.24

2025 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 56 Attorneys in 39 Practice Areas: Ten Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Three Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
8.14.24

Client Alerts

New Jersey Supreme Court Ruling Clarifies Standards for Punitive Damages in Medical Malpractice Actions
8.30.22

Healthcare Perspectives Blog

Does a Witness’ Deference to Different Specialty Concerning Diagnosis Constitute Concession of Lack of Qualifications to Provide Causation Opinion in Malpractice Claim?
12.11.25

Foreseeability in Psychiatric Malpractice Claims
3.16.25

A New Standard of Care for Medical Liability?
3.06.25

New Jersey Supreme Court Opinion Refines Affidavit of Merit Requirements for Malpractice Case Against Physician Certified in Multiple Specialties
1.30.25

NJ Appellate Division Upholds BME Suspension of Doctor's License
6.13.24

Seminars & Events

Ethics Proceedings from Interview to Hearing
8.27.26