

# Medical Malpractice Defense

## PRACTICE LEADER



**David Verschell**

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## MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DEFENSE DIVISION

In today's complex healthcare landscape, medical professionals and institutions face increasing scrutiny and a growing number of malpractice and negligence claims. From physicians and hospitals to nursing homes and long-term care providers, the stakes are high—both financially and in terms of preserving reputation and patient confidence.

[Abrams Fensterman, LLP](#) has a fully staffed division devoted exclusively to representing medical professionals and healthcare facilities in the defense of medical malpractice and negligence cases. Our attorneys are highly experienced health law litigators, skilled at quickly identifying, understanding, and addressing not only the legal issues but also the medical issues that arise in complex malpractice litigation. The Medical Malpractice Defense Division handles cases involving all specialties of medicine, nursing, and therapeutic sciences. The partners in the division hold a combined medical malpractice experience of over 50 years and always work to achieve the best and earliest outcomes for our clients.

Our leadership team is committed to excellence, integrity, and results. [David Verschell](#) and [Jennifer Higgins](#) are trial partners and serve as co-chairs of the division.

David Verschell is a seasoned trial attorney and litigator. He has been the senior trial attorney and has had a leading role in the division for more than 15 years. In addition to successfully defending health care professionals on malpractice claims from answer through trial, he effectively defends facilities and their employees on general liability and negligence claims. Mr. Verschell also defends and fights for individual providers, practices, and facilities in post-payment audits and billing disputes, successfully preventing

unfair claw-backs and claims of fraud. He has been a guest lecturer at Fordham Law School and has served as a legal advisor on the subject to the New York County Medical Society.

Jennifer Higgins is an accomplished trial lawyer and litigator, beginning her career in 2001 as a prosecutor with the Queens County District Attorney's Office. For over 17 years, she has successfully defended medical professionals and facilities against malpractice claims. Ms. Higgins handles the daily management of her files from case inception to resolution and has successfully taken numerous cases to jury verdicts. In addition, Ms. Higgins handles general liability and negligence cases and combines her prosecutorial knowledge in successfully defending medical professionals against claims of intentional tort and sexual assault.

Partner [Melissa Goldberg](#) is a skilled litigator and appellate attorney with extensive experience defending hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, and other healthcare providers in complex medical malpractice and general liability matters. Known for her attention to detail, strong writing skills, and commitment to client service, Ms. Goldberg plays a key role in high-stakes litigation, handling all aspects of pre-trial litigation, motion practice, depositions, and appeals.

Our team has achieved favorable results by prevailing on dispositive motions for summary judgment, negotiating favorable mediations, and achieving defense verdicts at trial. We are also cognizant of the potential implications that malpractice claims can have on medical licensure, and we routinely collaborate with our [OPMC/OPD](#) Division in defending any such actions.

## CONTACT OUR LAW FIRM

The Medical Malpractice Defense Division operates out of the Lake Success office and handles cases in the Metropolitan New York City area, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, as well as the upstate New York region. For further information or to schedule an initial consultation, please contact us at [contact us](#) on Long Island at [516-328- 2300](#).