



Karen L. Clouse

Of Counsel



Karen Clouse has counseled physicians, hospitals and attorneys throughout central and southeastern Ohio. In that role, she represents physicians and hospitals at all stages of a medical negligence claim, from investigation, through depositions, and trial, with more than three decades of experience of the courtroom, defending her clients in jury trials. In addition, Karen is an experienced appellate attorney, having argued cases before appellate courts throughout the state of Ohio as well as the Ohio Supreme Court and West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. She also provides a variety of other litigation support services to hospitals and physicians throughout the state, with her goal always to meet the personal and professional needs of her clients while providing excellent legal representation.

Bar Admissions & Activities

- Admitted, State of Ohio, 1986
- Admitted, State of West Virginia
- Admitted, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- Admitted, U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia
- Admitted, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- Admitted, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, West Virginia State Bar Association

Education

- The Ohio State University (J.D., *summa cum laude*), 1986; Order of the Coif
- Capital University (B.A., *summa cum laude*), 1983

Presentations & Published Works

- Speaker, Recent Ohio Supreme Court Decisions Impacting Medical Negligence Claims, OSHRM-SOHA Spring Conference, March 2023
- Speaker, "Documentation: Clinical and Legal Ramifications and Common Pitfalls," OhioHealth Risk Management Retreat, March 2019
- Speaker, "Appellate Advocacy Seminar," Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, August 2017

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- Speaker, "Emergency Department Errors, Medical and Legal Perspectives," Ohio State Bar Association, April 2013

Professional & Community Activities

- Member, Community Engagement Committee, Buckeye Chapter of the MS Society
- Member, American Health Lawyers Association
- Member, Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Trustee, Livingston United Methodist Church
- Volunteer, Columbus Legal Aid Society (pro bono), 2016–2017

Experience

Important law for Ohio hospitals and practitioners

Successfully argued before the Ohio Supreme Court, establishing that the statute of repose bars medical claims not filed within four years of the time the care was provided.

Appellate appearances

Have appeared in the highest courts in Ohio and West Virginia, as well as intermediate appellate districts throughout Ohio.

Jury trials

Defended hospitals, nurses, physicians and other medical providers against medical negligence and wrongful death claims in various Ohio courtrooms.