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Profile

Award-winning attorney with 12 years of experience representing plaintiffs in medical malpractice lawsuits, including cases related to misdiagnosis, delayed diagnosis, medication errors and birth injuries. Won a \$4.1 million dollar settlement from a university medical center after one of its physicians failed to diagnose a bowel obstruction in a pediatric patient, resulting in that patient's death. Extensive experience supervising paralegals and mentoring law students who are interested in representing plaintiffs in medical-malpractice suits and other types of personal-injury cases.

Professional Experience

Staff Attorney, McGill Law Firm, Chicago, IL

September 2014 - Present

- Interview potential clients and review their medical documentation to determine if their claims have merit
- Source expert medical witnesses to testify on behalf of clients during medical-malpractice trials
- Negotiate settlement offers with defendants and ensure that settlement amounts include enough compensation to cover ongoing medical needs or replace lost income
- Prepare for trials by filing motions and writing legal briefs in support of each client's case
- Ensure all documents are filed well in advance of state statutes of limitations

Staff Attorney, Pavia & Marko, Attorneys at Law, Chicago, IL

August 2008 - Present

- Assist partners with trial preparation, including identifying potential expert witnesses, meeting with clients and witnesses, conducting legal research and writing relevant correspondence
- Negotiate with defendants under the supervision of the lead attorney on each case
- Prepare for depositions by drafting interrogatories and preparing clients to answer questions from opposing counsel

Education

Juris Doctor

UIC John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL, May 2008

Key Skills

- Preparing expert witnesses to give testimony during trials
- Conducting research on standards of care in medicine and determining if a medical professional has breached those standards
- Legal writing, including memos, briefs, motions and interrogatories
- Mentoring law students and first-year attorneys