

Donna Y. Kramer

MEMBER

Donna Kramer's practice focuses on the defense of physicians, nurses, hospitals, health systems, and other healthcare providers in litigation involving alleged malpractice and/or negligence. Her cases involve complex medical fact patterns, minor to catastrophic injuries, and often substantial financial exposure.

Donna represents clients at trial, mediation, and arbitration, and has successfully defended clients against claims involving alleged surgical negligence and misdiagnosis/failure to diagnose, among others. In addition, she provides risk management guidance and consultation services to chief executive officers, chief medical officers, and general counsel.

Prior to joining private practice, Donna served as a law clerk for the Honorable Francine Lubow of the Queens County Family Court.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Leading all aspects of case litigation, including pre-litigation review, developing and executing litigation and trial strategies and arbitrating and trying cases on behalf of insured defendants.
- Advising CEOs, CMOs, general counsel, and risk managers on effective risk management strategies and related matters such as: risk prevention, patient safety, and HIPAA compliance.
- Preparing and defending physicians, nurses, and corporate designees of healthcare facilities in depositions while representing hospitals, insurance companies, and health systems in the greater Philadelphia area.
- Supervising and mentoring junior attorneys.
- Conducting in-service lectures to clients and their staff, including presentation of seminars to medical staff and other healthcare providers
- Drafting policies and procedures for incorporation into surgery center manuals.
- Reviewing medical records requests and subpoenas on behalf of health system.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Villanova University, M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing, Professor, 2021-present; "Ethical and Legal Health Care Issues,"

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PRACTICE AREAS:

Professional Liability

HIPAA

STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

New York

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

EDUCATION:

J.D., St. John's University School of Law, 1999; Notes and Comments Editor, St.; John's Journal of Legal Commentary

B.S., Cornell University, 1996

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program

- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member
- Cornell Alumni Admissions Network, Member
- Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority, Founding Sister

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Beth David Reform Congregation, Board Member and Chair of the Religious School Committee

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected for inclusion in Pennsylvania Super Lawyer's Rising Stars, 2006-2014

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "HIPAA Considerations and a Legal Understanding of the Regulations and Guidance," presented at the 75th Annual Wills Eye Hospital Conference, March 2023.
- "Anatomy of a Lawsuit," presentation to Department of Medicine at Bryn Mawr Hospital, March 2019
- "Depositions" Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Psychiatry residents, July 2012
- Litigation and Risk Management Presentation to Wills Eye residents, March 2012
- "The Medical Record – Pain Management Issues," Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Pain Management Seminar, September 2007
- "Documentation in the Medical Record: Why is it SO Important?" Wills Eye Surgery Centers, Spring 2007
- "Medical Malpractice Issues," Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Annual OB-GYN Residents' Conference, October 2006
- "The Implications of Disclosure," PASHRM (Philadelphia Area Society for Healthcare Risk Management), February 2005
- "Nursing Malpractice: An Overview," Main Line Health System, Fall 2004