



Jodi V. Terranova

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Jodi Terranova is a seasoned trial lawyer and a member of Wilson Elser's highly regarded National Trial Team. She maintains a robust legal practice concentrated on litigating medical malpractice cases on behalf of physicians, hospitals, managed care organizations, ambulatory surgery centers, medical transport teams, urgent care centers, nursing homes and long-term care facilities. She also represents allied health care professionals, including psychologists, nurse midwives, physicians' assistants, nurse practitioners and medical assistants. Jodi is recognized for her capable defense of complex medical malpractice cases in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

Experienced in litigating high-exposure cases, Jodi is a cochair of Wilson Elser's Medical Malpractice & Health Care Practice. To help avoid lawsuits, Jodi routinely provides seminars on topics such as proper documentation and effective communication between health care practitioners and patients. Jodi co-authored a comparative law review on medical malpractice as it relates to COVID-19 and has given presentations on cybersecurity, HIPAA and COVID-19 liability immunity. She has developed an inclusive and practical approach to case management that gives her clients the reassurance that is vital to a strong working relationship.

Jodi currently serves as the President of the DRI Foundation. She previously served as a National Director on the DRI Board of Directors (2018-2021), as the DRI State Membership Chair for the District of Columbia and as the DRI State Representative for the District of Columbia as well as Program Chair for the DRI 2018 Medical Liability and Healthcare Seminar. Jodi was named a Washingtonian Top Civil Defense Lawyer for 2019–2023, has been selected by Super Lawyers, 2022–2024, as and a Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2013–2015. Jodi also is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) and the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC).

Services

- Medical Malpractice & Health Care
- National Trial Team
- Long-Term Care

Medical Malpractice

As a cochair of Wilson Elser's Medical Malpractice & Health Care Practice, Jodi leads a team of experienced medical malpractice attorneys, nurse paralegals and paralegals in developing successful medical-related defense strategies. She has extensive experience defending complex medical malpractice cases in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. She has obtained a number of defense verdicts in medical malpractice cases arising in all areas of medical specialty, including general surgery, internal medicine, orthopedics and urology. Jodi regularly handles matters involving the full range of medical malpractice claims, including misdiagnosis or delayed diagnosis, failure to treat, surgical or procedural errors, and childbirth injuries, among others. She also is knowledgeable about medical malpractice claims stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, such as damages relating to understaffing and negligent failure to warn or protect patients. Jodi also defends clients at disciplinary hearings before professional boards in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

General & Premises Liability

Jodi's clients include insured and self-insured commercial businesses, restaurants, transportation companies, schools and public and private landlords. She defends against virtually every type of personal injury and property damage claim.

Education

- George Mason University School of Law (J.D., 2000)
- Bowdoin College (B.A., 1997)

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia
- Maryland
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Professional Affiliations

- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel

- District of Columbia Defense Lawyers Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Virginia State Bar Association
- DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar: President, DRI Foundation (2023–2024), Vice President (2021–2023); DRI State Membership Chair for the District of Columbia; DRI State Representative for the District of Columbia (2013-2016); and Program Chair for the DRI 2018 Medical Liability and Healthcare Seminar.
- International Association of Defense Counsel

Awards & Honors

- DRI Foundation Community Service Award, 2024
- Selected for inclusion in Washington D.C. Super Lawyers®, 2022-2024
- Washington, DC's Top Lawyers in Civil Defense, *Washingtonian Magazine*, 2017– 2018, 2020–2023
- Selected for inclusion in *Washington DC Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, 2013-2015