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Laura Peck has 30 years of high-stakes civil litigation experience.

In her three decades of practice, Laura has tried more than 25 jury cases and successfully argued before the Alabama Supreme Court. Her practice is devoted to civil litigation, including health care litigation, professional medical liability, pharmaceutical liability, labor and employment litigation, insurance litigation and appellate advocacy.

Laura's recent successes include obtaining a dismissal, without trial, of 25 medical malpractice cases within two years. She has also obtained several favorable judgments before the Alabama Supreme Court on behalf of doctors in negligence and defamation cases. In addition to physicians, Laura has successfully represented hospitals, including in a jury trial for a medical negligence case.

Along with her work for clients, Laura serves on the Brookwood Baptist Medical Center's Ethics Committee, and she frequently speaks to professional groups about litigation and employment issues.

Laura understands the stress that comes with being named as a defendant in a medical malpractice case, because doctors and nurses want nothing more than to help their patients. Unfortunately, even the most diligent doctors and nurses can become involved in a malpractice suit at some point in their career. Laura's mission is to alleviate some of that stress and guide them through the litigation process, providing both emotional and legal support.

Laura is a former board member of Magic Moments, a wish-granting organization for children in Alabama with chronic life-threatening illnesses. She is originally from Kentucky, but has called Alabama home since leaving Vanderbilt University Law School. Laura has two sons: one is attending Vanderbilt Law and the other is married and working at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Washington, D.C.

EXPERIENCE

PRACTICE AREAS

Medical Malpractice
Healthcare
Appellate

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Law School (J.D., 1986)
University of Kentucky (B.S., 1983)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama (1986)

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- Obtaining a dismissal without trial of 25 medical malpractice cases in two years.
 - Obtaining summary judgment that was affirmed by the Alabama Supreme Court for a doctor in a defamation case.
 - Obtaining affirmance by the Alabama Supreme Court of a judgment as a matter of law entered in favor of psychiatrist accused of negligently causing the death of a patient who committed suicide following her discharge from the hospital.
 - Obtaining a jury verdict in favor of a physician in a case involving complications following a surgical procedure.
 - Obtaining a complete dismissal of wrongful death claims against a physician in federal court based on a Daubert challenge.
 - Obtaining a jury verdict in favor of a hospital in a medical negligence case.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)

Alabama State Bar Association

American Bar Association

Birmingham Bar Association