

## ANDREA L. DIEDERICH

**SHAREHOLDER** 



# AREAS OF PRACTICE Health Care Liability

General Liability

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### **ADMISSIONS**

Florida 2008

U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida 2011

U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit 2013

### **EDUCATION**

Florida A&M University College of Law (J.D., 2007)

Rollins College (B.A., 2001)

# ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

Central Florida Medical Malpractice Claims Council, Inc.

Florida Bar Association

Orange County Bar Association

### **OVERVIEW**

Andrea is a shareholder in the Health Care Department in the firms' Orlando office. Admitted to the Florida Bar in 2008, Andrea focuses her practice on the defense of matters involving medical malpractice, veterinary malpractice, premises liability, employment discrimination and The Americans With Disabilities Act. She represents hospitals, physicians, veterinarians, nurses, and therapists in health care and professional liability matters. Andrea is a member of the Florida Bar, the Orange County Bar Association and the Central Florida Medical Malpractice Claims Council.

Andrea has experience representing veterinarians in professional licensing matters. In one such case, Andrea successfully defended a veterinarian in a claim against her license involving a surgical procedure performed on a canine. After reviewing the response to the Complaint, the Probable Cause Panel of the Board of Veterinary Medicine determined that the case should be closed without any further investigation or impact on the veterinarian's license.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Andrea focused her practice on defending clients in high-exposure medical malpractice, premises liability and automobile negligence matters. Andrea was also a paralegal for seven years at a plaintiff's law firm specializing in complex medical malpractice cases.

Andrea is native of Peru and is fluent in Spanish. She has traveled extensively and studied in Madrid, Spain. In 2001, Andrea earned a Bachelor of Arts in international relations and foreign languages from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. She received her juris doctor from Florida A&M University College of Law in December of 2007.

### **YEAR JOINED**

2010

### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Third DCA holds that Florida statutes do not impose on hospitals a nondelegable duty to provide non-negligent emergency room care, and certifies conflict with Fourth DCA.

Health Care Liability July 1, 2019

The Court of Appeal of Florida, Third District, affirmed dismissal of an estate's claims against a hospital where the decedent received emergency care. Case Law Alerts, 3rd Quarter, July 2019

# Marshall Dennehey Announces 2019 Shareholder Class and Special Counsel Promotions

January 2, 2019

Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin is pleased to announce that 13 associates and two special counsel have been elevated to shareholder. Additionally, the firm has promoted four associates to the position of special counsel.

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Florida Supreme Court strikes down as unconstitutional legislative amendments that permitted medical malpractice defendants to conduct ex parte interviews with plaintiffs' treating health care providers.

### **Health Care Liability**

January 19, 2018

In a sharply divided 4-3 decision, the Florida Supreme Court struck in its entirety § 766.1065(3)(E) of the mandatory HIPAA authorization which a plaintiff is required to provide to a defendant during pre-suit. Case Law Alerts, 1st Quarter, January 2018

### **Effective Communication Strategies For Deaf Patients**

Orlando Health Care Liability September 12, 2017

ADA and RA claim reversed. Lower court applied wrong standard for effective communication when considering plaintiffs did not prove communication difficulties resulted in misdiagnosis, incorrect treatment or other adverse medical consequences.

### **Health Care Liability**

July 1, 2017

The plaintiffs, two profoundly deaf patients, alleged that on numerous occasions they presented at the defendants' hospitals but could not communicate effectively with hospital staff because of the absence of certain auxiliary aids or servic Case Law Alerts, 3rd Quarter, July 2017

### **PUBLISHED WORKS**

"Effective Communication Strategies For Deaf Patients," *Healthcare Business Today*, September 12, 2017

"Florida's Apparent Increase on Caps for Damages Recoverable in Cases Against Providers of Foster Care Services Is Misleading," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 21, No. 2, June 2015

Case Law Alerts, regular contributor, 2013-present

"New Change to Florida Law Affects Physicians' Ability to Retain Out of State Experts to Defend Medical Malpractice Suits," *South Florida Hospital News*, Vol 8 Iss 6 December 2011

## **RESULTS**

# Defense Verdict in Theme Park Slip-and-Fall

# Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability April 21, 2016

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a major Orlando theme park following a seven-day jury trial. The plaintiff alleged that he slipped and fell on the handle of an unattended dustpan in the bathroom of a park pavilion. He was subsequently diagnosed with avascular necrosis of the right hip, permanent back pain, and memory problems from post-concussion syndrome. A core decompression surgery was performed on his right hip but failed to alleviate his pain.