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As a member of the catastrophic trial team, Benjamin E. Patterson is available to practice in all of our offices and across the country, on a case by case basis.

OVERVIEW

Since HPS opened its doors in 2002, Benjamin Patterson has served as lead attorney on more than 30 medical malpractice jury trials; the vast majority of which have resulted in defense verdicts. Ben became licensed in Nevada in 2003 and was actively involved in the creation and management of the HPS Las Vegas office. Ben also became licensed in Florida in 2010 and led the creation of, and now manages, the firm's Tampa and Pensacola offices.

Over the last 20 years, Ben has represented a wide variety of clients in both state and federal court in several areas of defense litigation: medical malpractice, nursing home and long-term care litigation, product liability, premises liability, consumer fraud, civil rights and legal malpractice. He specializes in medical malpractice litigation, primarily in the defense of hospitals and healthcare institutions, representing many hospitals in Cook and DuPage counties.

He has also represented healthcare clients with a national presence. Many of his cases involve catastrophic injuries such as birth injuries, wrongful death, paralysis and brain injuries. He has handled cases across the spectrum of medical malpractice litigation: ER care, labor and delivery, organ transplants, pressure sores, hospital fires, spoliation of evidence, surgery, and numerous other areas of potential liability.

Ben aggressively defends hospitals against claims based upon apparent agency and in numerous instances has obtained summary judgment and directed verdict findings in favor of his hospital clients. Throughout his practice, Ben has gone up against the top plaintiff's attorneys in both Chicago and Las Vegas and obtained favorable results.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Ben was previously a member of the medical litigation department of Lord Bissell & Brook, LLP.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

In 2015, Ben was board certified in Florida in the area of Civil Trial Law. Certification is The Florida Bar's highest level of evaluation of the competency and experience of attorneys in the 24 areas of law approved for certification by the Supreme Court of Florida. Established in 1982 by the Florida Supreme Court, board certification helps consumers identify specialists in various areas of law. Currently, only 7% of eligible Florida Bar members, approximately 4,600 lawyers, are board certified.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Healthcare Litigation
- Catastrophic Trial Team
- Birth Trauma Defense Team

EDUCATION

Chicago-Kent College of Law

J.D. High Honors,
Order of the Coif (1993)

The Ohio State University

B.A./B.S. Evans Scholar (1989)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois (1993)
- Nevada (2003)
- Florida (2010)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois Supreme Court (1993)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois (1993)
- Nevada Supreme Court (2003)
- Florida Supreme Court (2010)

Ben has achieved the highest rating possible by Martindale Hubbell's peer review system. He also was selected as an Illinois Super Lawyer in 2017. In addition, he was named to *Chicago Magazine's* Top Attorneys in Illinois list from 2012-2017, and *Vegas Inc.'s* Top Lawyers list for 2013.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Illinois state Bar Association