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Longtime relationships shape practice

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As a hiring partner at Hall Prangle & Schoonveld LLC, things have come full-circle for Michele C. Anderson.

Her firm is staffed with lawyers who worked with her decades ago in the medical litigation department at the former Lord Bissell & Brook LLP. Since the late 1990s, Anderson and her colleagues have built a rapport with each other, creating a positive environment at the firm.

“It’s funny, it’s been a really great experience when you think about how many years you’ve known each other,” Anderson said. “These are people we like to say, we all grew up together, now we’re working together as senior attorneys.”

The 51-year-old equity partner and mother of two teenagers said despite her years of experience practicing medical-malpractice defense, she is still learning new things.

“What I think I’ve really learned is, no matter how senior we get as attorneys, that working together as a team — always sharing ideas with each other, always brainstorming

ideas with each other — you never lose that need to work with your partners as a team,” Anderson said.

Anderson joined Hall Prangle and Schoonveld in 2015, departing from Anderson Razor & Partners LLP. She was an income partner at that firm when she was named to the 2007 40 Under Forty list.

In her med-mal defense practice, Anderson has developed a specialty for defending obstetricians and nurses in birth trauma cases.

Anderson is very involved with The Society of Trial Lawyers, which promotes collegiality between the plaintiff’s and defense bars. This month, Anderson becomes the president of the society.

“I think that’s one of the best things about our community, is our ability to get along with each other, our professionalism with each other and the relationships we build with each other,” Anderson said.

THEN & NOW

2007: LOOKING BACK

The Bears played in Super Bowl XLI, but halftime performer Prince stole the show.



The first iPhone debuted, and we haven’t looked up since.



Barry Bonds claimed the all-time home run title in August ... then got indicted in November.



The U.S. housing bubble finally burst.



Rihanna’s “Umbrella” was the hit song of the summer.



J.K. Rowling released the final book in the “Harry Potter” series.



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