



Mr. Yoars is a trial attorney concentrating in medical malpractice and insurance defense. He is licensed to practice in Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania. Previously, Mr. Yoars practiced for approximately 10 years in New York City Metropolitan Area where he was responsible for all aspects of litigation and case management on numerous matters including corporate litigation, employment discrimination, premises liability, Section 1983, civil rights, construction site accidents, medical malpractice and professional malpractice.

While in law school, Mr. Yoars interned under Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. prosecuting environmental citizen suits and other matters under the Clean Water Act, Resources Conservation and Recovery Act, Toxic Substance Control Act, and Comprehensive Response Compensation and Liability Act.

Education

- i Pace University, 1997, J.D
- i Allegheny College, 1993 B.A.
Varsity Football, 1990 NCAA National Champions

Recent Accomplishments

- i won a difficult motion and appeal for summary judgment dismissing plaintiff's action filed under Mental Health Procedures Act against a large regional medical center
- i has litigated several medical malpractice cases filed against local hospitals and doctors that were discontinued or dismissed before commencement of costly trials due to lack of evidence and failure of plaintiff to be able to reach burden of proof
- i successfully managed and litigated a civil rights and wrongful death action against several New York City agencies that entailed over 50 depositions and voluminous document production
- i \$1.6 million plaintiff's verdict in Labor Law action for minor traumatic brain injury
- i litigated and settled several infant lead-poisoning cases, each resulting in over \$1 million verdicts or settlements
- i litigated and settled a toxic exposure products liability cases resulting for over \$1 million dollars

Speaking/Teaching Engagements

- i Lecturer, Medical Record Documentation and Handling High Profile Cases, Knox firm's 2009 Claims Seminar
- i Lecturer, Professional Relationships: Lawyer to Client, Erie County Bar Association's November 2009 Seminar
- i Lecturer, Medical Record Documentation and Litigation, Millcreek Community Hospital, January 2010
- i Lecturer, Defending Claims Filed Against Long-Term Care Facilities, 2010 Long-Term Care Seminar

Practice Concentration

- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Insurance Defense

Firm Involvement

- Senior Associate
- Lead Attorney for New York Practice

Admissions & Certifications

- New York
- Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of New York
- Pennsylvania

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- American Association for Justice
- New York State Trial Lawyers Association
- New York Bar Association
- Erie County Bar Association (PA); Civil Litigation Section, Chairman
- Erie County Bar Association (NY)
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association
- Jamestown (NY) Bar Association
- DRI Medical Liability & Health Care Law Committee, Member

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