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## PROFILE

Ms. Kendus is a partner with the firm. She handles litigation issues for clients facing pharmaceutical, medical products liability, and medical malpractice claims. Ms. Kendus also assists medical professionals in responding to and defending issues brought before the state licensing boards. In addition, Ms. Kendus assists medical professionals to transition between practices, advising on issues regarding contract termination and initiation, and practice risk management.

Prior to beginning her law career, Ms. Kendus was a registered nurse. Her clinical knowledge provides her an edge in analyzing complex medical and scientific issues and in communicating with experts. Ms. Kendus' enthusiasm for the law has gained her immediate experience in trial and depositions. Her combined talents enable her to effectively manage cases from the pleadings stage through complex discovery to trial or settlement. Ms. Kendus has tried several products liability, personal injury, and premises liability cases to verdict.

Ms. Kendus' has researched and drafted several successful Daubert and Frye motions to exclude Plaintiffs' expert witnesses. Additionally, Ms. Kendus has crafted numerous successful motions for dismissal and for summary judgment.

## EDUCATION

J.D., cum laude, University of Baltimore School of Law, May 2000

Recipient, Jessup International Moot Court Regional Competition 2nd place best brief

2000 Recipient, University of Baltimore School of Law Center of International and Comparative Law annual writing competition first place, 1999

B.S.N., University of Maryland School of Nursing, 1987

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Bar Association
- American Bar Association's Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section
- Maryland Bar Association
- Maryland Society for Health Care Risk Managers
- Defense Research Institute

## PUBLICATIONS/SPEECHES

Ms. Kendus' published articles include:

- The Data Quality Act: Will it "Daubertize" Federal Agencies?, Rx For the Defense, Fall 2002.
- The New Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, For the Defense, June 2001.
- Joint Defense Agreements: Is the Co-defendant Friend or Foe?, IADC Advocacy, Practice & Procedure, November 2001.
- Compliance with EMTALA: A Guide for Hospitals, Journal of Healthcare Risk Management, Summer 2000.

Ms. Kendus has been a frequent speaker throughout her nursing and legal career. Her most recent speaking engagements and presentations include:

- Faculty speaker, National Business Institute, "Medical Evidence in Maryland Court: Your Effective Guide to Use," March 2, 2004.
- Written presentation, IADC Seminar, A Decade of Daubert - Keeping the Gate Closed on Junk Science, June 2003.
- Invited speaker University of Baltimore Second Annual Women in Advocacy Seminar, 2003.
- Faculty speaker, National Business Institute, seminar for paralegals on obtaining, preparing and using Medical Evidence in litigation.

## COURT ADMISSIONS

- 2000 Court of Appeals of Maryland
- 2001 U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland