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Janet Forero is a leading force in the defense of healthcare professionals and institutions across Maryland and Washington, D.C. Known for her strategic command of high-stakes medical malpractice and professional liability litigation, Janet has built a reputation as one of the region's most trusted and respected defense lawyers. She represents hospitals, physicians, and academic medical centers in some of the most complex and consequential cases in the D.C.–Maryland corridor.

A hands-on litigator, Janet is deeply involved in every phase of her cases—from the first investigative steps through discovery, trial, and appeal. Her clients and colleagues value her tireless work ethic and her ability to translate complex medical issues into clear, persuasive advocacy in the courtroom. She regularly appears before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, the Circuit Courts of Maryland, and the U.S. District Courts for both jurisdictions.

Janet's appellate work is equally distinguished. She has argued before both the D.C. and Maryland appellate courts and is often called upon to craft sophisticated briefing and strategy in high-exposure matters. Notably, she played a key role in a landmark victory before the Appellate Court of Maryland, which vacated a \$34 million Baltimore City judgment in a brain-injured infant case—a result that reaffirmed her team's reputation for excellence in complex appellate advocacy.

With deep experience in health care law and a commanding courtroom presence, Janet is trusted by health systems, insurers, and professionals alike to deliver results in the most challenging cases.

Her accomplishments have earned her election to the American Board of Trial Advocates and invitation to the Litigation Counsel of America. She has also been recognized repeatedly by Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers for her outstanding trial and appellate work.

Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice
- Medical Institutions Law
- Appellate

Court Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Education

- University of Baltimore, School of Law (J.D., 1988)
- University of Maryland Baltimore County (B.A., 1985)

Professional Associations

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Baltimore City

Professional Experience

- Goodell DeVries – Partner (2016-Present); Of Counsel (2006-2016)
- Eccleston & Wolf, P.C. – Of Counsel (1996-2006)
- Weinberg & Green – Partner (1994-1996); Associate (1990-1994)
- Jordan, Coyne & Savits – Associate (1989-1990)
- The Honorable William W. Wenner, Court of Special Appeals of Maryland – Appellate Law Clerk (1988-1989)

Representative Matters

- *Hepburn v. Athelas Institute, Inc., et al.*, 324 F. Supp. 2d 752 (D. Md. 2004)
- *Supik v. Bodie, Nagle, Dolina, Smith & Hobbs, P.A., et al.*, 834 A.2d 170 (Md. App. 2003)
- *Susanne E. Cooper v. Josef F. Bikle*, 640 A.2d 1120 (Md. 1994)

Publications and Seminars

- Adjunct Professor, Anne Arundel Community College
 - Civil Procedure (2002, 2003)
 - Torts (2003)

Honors and Awards

- Litigation Counsel of America (LCA) – Fellow
- Best Lawyers in America
 - Medical Malpractice Law — Defendants (2021-2026)
- Maryland Super Lawyers
 - Personal Injury — Medical Malpractice Defense (2019-2025)