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Jessica Ayd is a partner at Goodell DeVries, where she focuses her practice on the defense of healthcare providers and institutions in medical malpractice litigation. She has experience in all aspects of complex civil litigation in matters before state and federal courts and has served as first chair in several jury trials.

Prior to joining Goodell DeVries, Jessica was a civil litigation attorney at a private law firm, where she concentrated her practice in general liability defense, medical malpractice, and construction. Before entering private practice, Jessica was a law clerk for the Honorable Arlene Coppadge and the Honorable Robert Coonin of Family Court of the State of Delaware.

She was also a volunteer for the United States Peace Corps in the Republic of the Fiji Islands, where she served as Health Promotion Advocate at the Lelean Memorial School. In that role, Jessica designed and facilitated adolescent reproductive health classes.

Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice
- Risk Management, Investigations, and Compliance
- Employer Liability

Court Admissions

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

- University of Maryland, School of Law (J.D., 2011)
 - ABAE Tutoring and Mentoring Program – Law School Liaison
- University of Maryland, College Park (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2006)
 - National Collegiate Honor Society
 - Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
 - University Honor Council

Professional Associations

- Baltimore County Bar Association
- D.C. Bar
- Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc.
- Maryland State Bar Association

Professional Experience

- Family Court of the State of Delaware – Law Clerk for the Honorable Arlene Coppadge and the Honorable Robert Coonin (2011-2012)

Publications

- Co-author with Shannon M. Madden; Sherri Hobbs, MSM, MSN, RN, CPHQ; and Heather Joyce-Byers, MSJ, BS, RN, CCRN-K, CPHRM, [“Effective Healthcare Policies Mitigate Litigation Risks,”](#) *Forum*, American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM) (June 2021)

Honors and Awards

- Best Lawyers in America
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2026)
- Best Lawyers – Ones to Watch
 - Transportation Law (2023)
 - Construction Law (2021-2022)
 - Insurance Law (2021-2022)
- Maryland Super Lawyers – Rising Star
 - Civil Litigation Defense (2019, 2022-2024)

Community Involvement

- United States Peace Corps Volunteer, Republic of the Fiji Islands, Youth Outreach and Health Promotion — Health Promotion Advocate, Lelean Memorial School (2006-2008)