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Jhanelle Graham Caldwell is a partner with Goodell DeVries. Her civil litigation practice is focused primarily on defending healthcare providers and healthcare institutions in professional liability matters alleging birth trauma, serious bodily injury, and wrongful death. Jhanelle has obtained defense verdicts in medical malpractice cases for her healthcare clients, including hospitals and physicians, at jury trials in Maryland and the District of Columbia. She manages all aspects of litigation and discovery, including factual investigation, litigation strategy development, expert and fact witness depositions, mediation, motions hearings, and trial advocacy.

Prior to joining Goodell DeVries, Jhanelle was a civil litigation associate at Semmes, Bowen & Semmes, P.C. in Baltimore, Maryland, where she defended clients in product liability matters, employment disputes, and complex commercial litigation. She earned a health law certificate from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (*cum laude*), where she was Vice President of the graduating class; a two-time recipient of the Dean's Award; a Monumental City Bar Foundation Scholar; a Murphy Scholar; and a recipient of the William P. Cunningham Award for exceptional academic achievement and service. Jhanelle also served on the Executive Board of the *Maryland Law Review* as its Manuscripts Editor and was a judicial intern for former Chief Judge Robert M. Bell at the Supreme Court of Maryland. She is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

Jhanelle earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy of Science with a minor in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was inducted into the Friars Senior Society — the oldest undergraduate honor society at the University of Pennsylvania. She subsequently completed research fellowships at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), investigating the human T-lymphotropic virus; and the Fogarty International Center for the National Institutes of Health, where she was a member of a global research team performing a childhood malnutrition study in Asia, Africa, and South America. Born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica, Jhanelle is an avid performer of vocal jazz and a Lifetime Honoree of the Jamaica Musical Theater Company.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (MdVLA).

Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice
- Product Liability

Court Admissions

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

Education

- University of Maryland, School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2013)
 - *Maryland Law Review* – Executive Board, Manuscripts Editor
 - Health Law Certificate
- University of Pennsylvania (B.A., 2007)

Professional Associations

- Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts – Board of Directors
- Goodell DeVries Diversity & Inclusion Committee – Vice Chair
- Maryland Defense Counsel – Programming Committee Co-Chair (2017); Co-Chair of MDC Trial Academy (2017)
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel – Co-editor of Drug Device and Biotechnology Section of the Newsletter (2013-2015)
- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law – Alumni Board Member (2016-2019)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI) – Young Lawyers Subcommittee and Drug and Device Subcommittee
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association (Maryland)

Representative Matters

- Obtained a unanimous jury verdict for the defense in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland on behalf of a provider of correctional medical services in a case involving 42 U.S.C. Section 1983
- Obtained a unanimous jury verdict for the defense in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City for an orthopedic surgeon in a medical malpractice trial
- Obtained a unanimous jury verdict for the defense in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City on behalf of a Baltimore City hospital and its employee, a primary care physician, in a medical malpractice trial
- Obtained a unanimous jury verdict for the defense in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for a DC hospital involving allegations of medical negligence and failure to obtain informed consent

Publications and Seminars

- Presenter, "Managing Conflicts of Interest: Should Interventional Radiologists Collaborate with Industry," RISQCS: Radiology Interventions Safety, Quality, and Complications Symposium (September 2022)
- Presenter, "So You're Being Sued... Now What?" Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR), Boston, Massachusetts (June 2022)
- Presenter, "ACIR Colloquium: Controversies in IR – Video Recording of Patient Procedures," Association of IR Chiefs (ACIR) (March 2022)
- Presenter, "ACIR Colloquium: IR M&M, Best Practices," Association of IR Chiefs (ACIR) (September 2021)
- Presenter, "Anatomy of a Lawsuit," RISQCS: Radiology Interventions Safety, Quality, and Complications Symposium, Boston University School of Medicine (September 2020)
- Presenter, "Medicolegal Primer: A Lawyer's Take," Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR), Austin, Texas (March 2019)
- Presenter on reducing the risk of medical malpractice lawsuits to physicians and nurses at hospitals in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland (2017, 2018)
- Co-author with Marisa A. Trasatti, "[The Top Ten 'Do's' of a Law Firm Social Media Policy](#)," *The Defense Line*, Defense Research Institute (DRI) (Spring 2014)
- Co-author with Marisa A. Trasatti, "[Preemption in Medical Device Litigation: What Has Changed Since Reigel?](#)" *FDCC*

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author: Karen Yao, Jhanelle Graham, Yoshimi Akahata, Unsung Oh & Steven Jacobson. (2010). Mechanism of Neuroinflammation: Enhanced Cytotoxicity and IL-17 Production via CD46 Binding. *Journal of Neuroimmune Pharmacology: The Official Journal of the Society on NeuroImmune Pharmacology*. 5. 469-78. 10.1007/s11481-010-9232-9.
- Co-author: Elise Meoli, Peter Burbelo, Jhanelle Graham, et al. (2009). A subset of seroindeterminate patients have detectable antibodies to HTLV-I GAG and Tax as defined by a novel luciferase immunoprecipitation system (LIPS). *Conference: 9th International Symposium on NeuroVirology (Jan. 2009)*, Volume: 15. 60-60.
- Co-author: Unsung Oh, Richard Turner, Jhanelle Graham, Yoshimi Enose-Akahata and Steven Jacobson. (2009). STAT1 dependent activation of STAT5 in peripheral blood of HTLV-I-associated myelopathy/tropical spastic paraparesis. *Conference: 9th International Symposium on NeuroVirology (Jan. 2009)*, Volume: 15. 68-69.
- Co-author: Peter Burbelo, Elise Meoli, Hannah Leahy, Jhanelle Graham, Karen Yao, Unsung Oh, et al. (2008). Anti-HTLV antibody profiling reveals an antibody signature for HTLV-I-Associated Myelopathy/Tropical Spastic Paraparesis (HAM/TSP). *Retrovirology*. 10.1186/1742-4690-5-96.
- Co-author: Cynthia Pise-Masison, et al. (2014). Co-dependence of HTLV-1 p12 and p8 Functions in Virus Persistence. *PLoS Pathogens*. 10. e1004454. 10.1371/journal.ppat.1004454.
- Co-author: Saba Rouhani, et al. (2016) Norovirus Infection and Acquired Immunity in 8 Countries: Results From the MAL-ED Study. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, Volume 62, Issue 10, 15 May 2016, Pages 1210–1217
- Co-author: Margaret Kosek, et al. (2014). Assessment of environmental enteropathy in the MAL-ED cohort study: theoretical and analytic framework. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. 2014 Nov 1;59 Suppl 4(Suppl 4):S239-47.
- Co-author: The MAL-ED Study: A Multinational and Multidisciplinary Approach to Understand the Relationship Between Enteric Pathogens, Malnutrition, Gut Physiology, Physical Growth, Cognitive Development, and Immune Responses in Infants and Children Up to 2 Years of Age in Resource-Poor Environments. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*,

Volume 59, Issue suppl_4, November 2014, Pages S193–S206, Published: 01 November 2014.

- Co-author: Relationship between growth and illness, enteropathogens and dietary intakes in the first 2 years of life: findings from the MAL-ED birth cohort study. *BMJ Global Health*. 2017;2:e000370.
- Co-author: Stephanie Richard, et al. Enteric dysfunction and other factors associated with attained size at 5 years: MAL-ED birth cohort study findings. *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, Volume 110, Issue 1, July 2019, Pages 131–138.
- Co-author: James Platt-Mills, M.D., et al. Pathogen-specific burdens of community diarrhoea in developing countries: a multisite birth cohort study (MAL-ED). *The Lancet: Global Health*. Volume 3, Issue 9, September 2015, Pages e564-e575.

In the News

- “No Blueprint: Jhanelle Graham Caldwell’s Musically Paved Path to the Law,” *Super Lawyers* (December 2022)

Honors and Awards

- Best Lawyers in America
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2026)
 - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2026)
- Best Lawyers – Ones to Watch
 - Healthcare Law (2021-2025)
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2021-2025)
 - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2021-2025)
- Maryland Super Lawyers – Rising Star
 - Personal Injury – Medical Malpractice: Defense (2018-2025)
- Recognized in Lawyers of Color Wonderful Women (2023)
- Recognized in Lawyers of Color Hot List – Mid-Atlantic Region (2014)
- William P. Cunningham Award for exceptional academic achievement and service (2013)
- Dean’s Award (2011-2012; 2012-2013)
- Monumental City Bar Foundation Scholar (2012)
- Friars Senior Honor Society, University of Pennsylvania (2007)

Community Involvement

Jhanelle is currently a junior board member of Boys Hope Girls Hope Baltimore, a charitable organization that provides at-risk children with mentorship, housing, exceptional academic opportunities, and support from middle school through college. She also serves on the board of Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (MdVLA), a nonprofit that provides *pro bono* and low-cost legal services to artists in Maryland.