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Kelly Hughes Iverson is a partner with Goodell DeVries and a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Her practice is devoted to the defense of claims for professional malpractice and product liability. She represents numerous community hospitals, academic medical centers, and individual healthcare practitioners in a wide array of medical and nursing specialties in professional malpractice claims. Kelly has also represented manufacturers in claims alleging injury from defective products and environmental clients in claims alleging toxic exposure to lead and mold.

Clients call upon her for all aspects of case management, including development of case strategy and trial. Kelly handles appellate practice, including both written appellate briefs and the presentation of oral argument to the appellate courts. She has represented appellate litigants, and clients have engaged her to write amicus briefs. Kelly frequently presents to healthcare providers and hospitals on the topic of medical malpractice litigation.

Kelly is active in state and local bar association activities. She currently chairs the Maryland Pattern Jury Instructions - Civil Subcommittee for the Maryland State Bar Association and co-chairs the MSBA Committee on Laws. She is a past president of the Bar Association of Baltimore City and the Baltimore Bar Foundation, Inc., served on the MSBA Board of Governors, and served as a Commissioner and MSBA Board Representative on the Maryland Access to Justice Commission. She has also chaired the Judicial Selections Committee for the Bar Association of Baltimore City.

In addition to her election as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Kelly has been elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates and invited to join the Litigation Counsel of America. She has been honored in multiple years by Chambers USA, Best Lawyers in America, and Super Lawyers, who counted her among the Top 100 Super Lawyers and Top 50 Women Super Lawyers.

Kelly is co-author of the Thomson Reuters Practical Law Guide "Statutes of Limitations: Maryland."

Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice
- Medical Institutions Law
- Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation
- 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
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

Education

- University of Maryland School of Law (J.D., with Honors)
 - Order of the Coif, 1992)
- The College of William and Mary (B.A., 1987)

Professional Associations

- Maryland Pattern Jury Instructions Civil Subcommittee, Maryland State Bar Association – Chair
- Maryland State Bar Association – Co-Chair, Committee on Laws
- Bar Association of Baltimore City – President (2018-2019)
- Baltimore Bar Foundation – President (2016-2017); Trustee (2010-Present)
- The Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc.
- D.C. Defense Lawyers' Association
- Maryland Society for Healthcare Risk Management (MSHRM)
- Maryland Access to Justice Commission – Commissioner and MSBA Board Representative (2019-2021)
- Barristers Law Club – President (2012-2013)
- Baltimore County Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Professional Experience

- Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, LLP – Partner (2001-Present)
- Goodell DeVries – Associate (1994-2000)
- Supreme Court of Maryland, The Honorable Robert L. Karwacki – Judicial Law Clerk (1993-1994)
- Honorable Bill Emerson, United States House of Representatives (MO-8) – Legislative Director (1992-1993); Legislative Staff (1987-1991)

Representative Matters

- *Streaker v. Boushehri*, 230 Md. App. 101, 146 A.3d 605 (2016) (affirming trial court's exclusion of OB/GYN expert Lawrence Borow, M.D. for failure to satisfy "20% Rule")
- *Gilbert v. Miodovnik*, 990 A.2d 983 (D.C. 2010) (affirming summary judgment for obstetrician medical director of birthing center who owed no legal duty to patient of nurse midwife)
- *Anderson v. USAA Ins. Co.*, 221 F.R.D 250 (D.D.C. 2004) (dismissing a claim of negligent misrepresentation for failure to plead sufficiently)
- *Johnson v. District of Columbia*, 728 A.2d 70 (D.C. 1999) (affirming summary judgment on strict liability claims and directed verdict for the defendant on negligence claims against manufacturer of water heater control)
- *Lemon v. Stewart*, 682 A.2d 1177, cert. denied, 686 A.2d 635 (Md. App. 1996) (refusing to recognize a cause of action by third-party non-patients against a healthcare provider for failure to diagnose HIV/AIDS in a family member)
- *Dorman v. Defendant* (OB/GYN) (US District Court for District of Maryland) (defense verdict for doctor in case alleging Erb's palsy following shoulder dystocia)
- *Bobrov v. Defendant Gastroenterologist* (Baltimore City) (defense verdict for doctor and hospital in claim alleging death from esophageal perforation)
- *Arroyo v. Defendant Gastroenterologist* (Baltimore County) (defense verdict for doctor following perforation of bowel and death following placement of PEG tube)
- *Ennals v. Defendant Surgeon* (Dorchester County) (defense verdict for surgeon following perforation of bowel after hernia repair)

- *Woodard v. Defendant OB/GYN group* (Baltimore City) (defense verdict for obstetricians in claim following neonatal death)
- *Eskandary v. Defendant OB/GYN group* (Montgomery County) (defense verdict for obstetricians in case with brain-damaged infant)
- *Joy v. Defendant OB/GYN* (Anne Arundel County) (defense verdict for gynecologist in case alleging vesicovaginal fistula following hysterectomy)
- *Davis v. Defendant Hospital* (Superior Court of District of Columbia) (defense verdict for hospital and physicians in case alleging spinal cord injury following endoscopic procedure)
- *Edwards v. Defendant Surgeon* (Charles County) (defense verdict for surgeon in claim alleging loss of employment following physician's alleged failure to assess disability)
- *Crossley v. Defendant Geriatrician* (Montgomery County) (defense verdict for geriatrician in claim by family of elderly woman who died in nursing home)
- *Seiser v. Defendant Hospital* (Baltimore County) (defense verdict in claim alleging failure to diagnose appendicitis timely)
- *Disney v. Defendant OB/GYN* (Anne Arundel County) (defense verdict in claim alleging Asperger's syndrome caused by alleged failure to prevent premature delivery)
- *Graves v. Defendant Hospital* (Baltimore City) (defense verdict in claim alleging failure to diagnose and treat fracture properly)
- *Alexander v. Defendant Control Manufacturer* (District of Columbia) (defense verdict for manufacturer of water heater controls in case involving scalding from tap water)

Publications and Seminars

- Panelist, "What Would You Like to See Happen at Your Next Mediation?" Maryland State Bar Association Legal Summit & Annual Meeting (June 4, 2025)
- Co-author with Sabrina Tolbert, "[Statutes of Limitations: Maryland](#)," Practical Law State Q&A, Thomson-Reuters (2022; Updated 2023, 2024)

Honors and Awards

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) – Fellow
- The Litigation Counsel of America (LCA) – Fellow, Order of Veritas
- Chambers USA
 - Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense (Maryland), Band 2 (2020-2025)
 - Healthcare: Medical Malpractice (Maryland), Band 2 (2018)
- Best Lawyers in America
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2019-Present)
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2022-Present)
 - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2018-Present)
- *The Daily Record* – Leadership in Law Award (2016)
- *The Daily Record* – Personal Injury & Medical Malpractice Law Power List (2024)
- AV Preeminent Rated, Martindale-Hubbell
- Maryland Super Lawyers
 - Personal Injury – Medical Malpractice: Defense (2012-2025)
 - Top 100 Maryland Super Lawyers (2019-2025)
 - Top 50 Women Maryland Super Lawyers (2017-2025)
- Marquis Who's Who in the World
- Marquis Who's Who in American Law
- Marquis Who's Who in America
- Marquis Who's Who of American Women
- National Moot Court Team - University of Maryland School of Law (1992)
- G. Ridgely Sappington Award for Best Work in Civil Procedure – University of Maryland School of Law (1989-1990)