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Shannon M. Madden is a partner with Goodell DeVries and practices primarily in the area of medical malpractice defense. She has over twenty years of experience representing numerous hospitals, physicians, and medical practice groups in both federal and state court proceedings.

Shannon has defended healthcare providers successfully through trial in Maryland's District Courts and Circuit Courts. She has argued winning motions in both state and federal court, as well as successful appeals in the Appellate Court of Maryland, up through the victorious denial of certiorari in the Supreme Court of Maryland. In an exemplar case from federal court, Shannon, along with Craig B. Merkle, earned summary judgment on behalf of a Baltimore-area hospital after successfully arguing that the hospital had no duty as a matter of law to obtain a patient's informed consent. This was the first published decision in Maryland to so hold. In another matter, Shannon and Craig Merkle, representing a local hospital and provider, successfully defended on appeal the lower court victory for the defense. Shannon argued below that the plaintiff's Certificate of Qualified Expert and report were untimely, and that dismissal was warranted. After earning summary judgment in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Shannon briefed and argued the appeal on behalf of all defendants in the Appellate Court of Maryland. On December 19, 2019, the Appellate Court affirmed the defense victory granted by the lower court.

Shannon has also successfully represented numerous healthcare providers before Maryland's Board of Physicians and the Board of Nursing.

In an effort to help reduce litigation risks for healthcare providers, Shannon has given multiple grand rounds lectures to hospital departments and to internal medicine residents on topics such as avoiding malpractice, depositions in malpractice cases, and medical documentation. She has also presented to the Maryland-D.C. Society for Healthcare Risk Management, of which she is a long-time member, on the topic of damages in medical malpractice litigation. Shannon has also co-authored, along with associate Jessica Ayd, an article on effective healthcare policies for the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management. In addition, she co-authored with her partner, Derek Stikeleather,

an article for *DRI The Voice of the Defense Bar* on a [Fourth Circuit decision applying *Daubert* in the context of a medical malpractice action.](#)

After earning her undergraduate degree from Duke University and graduating with honors from the University of Maryland School of Law, Shannon served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Durke G. Thompson of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland.

Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice
- Medical Institutions Law
- Appellate
- Employer Liability

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 Maryland, School of Law (J.D., with Honors, 1997)
- Duke University (B.A., 1991)

Professional Associations

- Maryland State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Baltimore City – Former member of the Professional Ethics and Judicial Administration Committees
- MD-DC Society for HealthCare Risk Management – Member, Former Member of the Education Committee

Professional Experience

- Goodell DeVries – Partner (2008-Present)
- Goodell DeVries – Associate (1999-2007)

- Gleason, Flynn & Emig & Fogelman – Associate (1998-1999)
- The Honorable Durke G. Thompson, Circuit Court for Montgomery County – Law Clerk (1997-1998)

Representative Matters

In 2023, Shannon won a momentous ruling on behalf of a hospital client with a *Daubert*/Rule 5-702 motion that sought to preclude the plaintiff's expert testimony on causation. After a two-day evidentiary *Daubert* hearing, Shannon dismantled the testimony of two professional expert witnesses in a birth injury case. The Circuit Court for Baltimore City granted the hospital's motion, precluding the plaintiff's experts' causation opinions for failing to meet the requirements of Rule 5-702. Without that testimony, the plaintiff's case could not proceed to trial, and the hospital was granted summary judgment. In the plaintiff's motion seeking reconsideration, opposing counsel called this ruling a "seismic shift" in birth injury litigation.

In the matter of *Robertson v. Iuliano*, No. CIV.A. RDB-10-1319, 2012 WL 6138441 (D. Md. Dec. 10, 2012). In *Robertson*, Shannon, along with Craig B. Merkle, earned summary judgment on behalf of a Baltimore-area hospital after successfully arguing that the hospital had no duty as a matter of law to obtain a patient's informed consent. This was the first published decision in Maryland to so hold.

In the matter of *Mahon v. Kim et al.*, Case No. 24- C-18-000364, Shannon, along with Craig B. Merkle, representing Mercy Medical Center and William Fox, P.A., successfully defended on appeal the lower court victory for the defense. Shannon argued below that the plaintiff's Certificate of Qualified Expert and report were untimely, and that dismissal was warranted. After earning summary judgment in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Shannon briefed and argued the appeal on behalf of all defendants in the Appellate Court of Maryland. On December 19, 2019, the Appellate Court affirmed the defense victory granted by the lower court.

Publications and Seminars

- Co-presenter, "The Changing Shape of Mediation," Medical Professional Liability Association (MPL) 2024 Claims Defense Forum (May 8, 2024)

- Co-author with Jessica Ayd; Sherri Hobbs, MSM, MSN, RN, CPHQ; and Heather Joyce-Byers, MSJ, BS, RN, CCRN-K, CPHRM, "[Effective Health Care Policies Mitigate Litigation Risks.](#)" *Forum*, American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM) (June 2021)
- Invited Panelist, Baltimore-Carroll Chapter of the Women's Bar Association's Resume Workshop (2020)
- Co-author with Derek Stikeleather, "[Court Jettisons Future Damages Opinion of Expert Who Seemed to Meet Many Daubert Criteria.](#)" *DRI For the Defense* (October 2019)

Community Activities

Shannon has for many years supported My Sister's Place Women's Center, a women's day shelter and resource center, through its annual Bridesmaid's Bingo fundraising event.

Honors and Awards

- Chambers USA
 - Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense (Maryland), Band 3 (2024); Band 2 (2025)
- Best Lawyers in America
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2022-2026)
- Maryland Super Lawyers
 - Personal Injury – Medical Malpractice: Defense (2025)
- Delta Gamma Academic Excellence Award (1989, 1990)
- Semi-finalist, Morris B. Myerowitz Moot Court Competition (1996)