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Tom Monahan is a founding partner of Goodell DeVries. He has an extensive practice defending physicians, nurses, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and related healthcare providers in medical negligence cases in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

In addition to his professional malpractice practice, Tom has maintained a general litigation practice, with experience in commercial litigation, professional liability in non-medical professions, general personal injury litigation, and the representation of licensed professionals before disciplinary boards. He represented a Fortune 500 company in a successful effort to recover substantial damages following the collapse of a pier in Baltimore's harbor.

Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice
- Medical Institutions Law
- Nursing Home Litigation
- Class Action Litigation

Court Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Virginia
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Education

- University of Virginia (J.D., 1979)
- Princeton University (A.B., *cum laude*, 1976)

Professional Associations

- American Board of Trial Advocates – Member
- American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) – Fellow
- Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference – Member
- Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc. – President (1997-1998)
- Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts – President (2014-2016); Vice President (2012-2014)
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
- The Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- American Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Virginia State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Baltimore City

Representative Matters

Tom has served as lead counsel or sole defense counsel in over 90 medical malpractice trials before juries in state and federal courts or before arbitration panels in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia. Representative trials have included the defense of brain-damaged baby cases involving allegations regarding the proper management of pre-natal and labor care, including the interpretation of fetal monitor tracings; a brain-damaged baby trial regarding an alleged failure to diagnose alloimmune thrombocytopenia; trials regarding the proper diagnosis and treatment of cancer, including lung cancer, small bowel cancer, nasopharyngeal cancer and cancer of the tongue; a personal injury claim by a 24-year-old quadriplegic who accused a neurosurgeon of improperly treating an arterial venous malformation in the brain; a wrongful death case alleging the failure to diagnose injury to the innominate artery in a 15-year-old boy; two trials involving injuries to the common bile duct following laparoscopic gallbladder surgery; three trials arising out of the suicides of psychiatric patients; and multiple cases alleging injury or death after falls in a healthcare facility.

Publications and Seminars

- Lectured extensively to attending physicians, residents in training and nurses at hospitals in Maryland and Virginia on issues relating to medical malpractice.
- Formerly a Faculty Member of the Maryland Institute of Continuing Legal Education (MICPEL) for programs relating to taking and defending depositions and current issues of healthcare law.
- Visiting lecturer, University of Baltimore School of Law, on conducting a direct examination.
- Lecturer, the Bar Association of Baltimore City, Continuing Legal Education, "Handling a Medical Malpractice Case in Maryland."
- Guest lecturer on medical malpractice issues for the American College of Gastroenterology, Johns Hopkins Bayview Physicians, P.A., Columbia Medical Plan and Patuxent Medical Group.

Honors and Awards

- GEDCO Leadership Award (2024)
- Chambers USA
 - Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense (Maryland) Band 2 (2020-2025)
 - Healthcare: Medical Malpractice, Maryland (2017-2018)
 - Medical Malpractice Defense, Maryland (2010-2012)
- Best Lawyers in America
 - Baltimore Lawyer of the Year, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2024)
 - Baltimore Lawyer of the Year, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2022)
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2011-Present)
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Personal Injury – Defendants (2017-Present)
 - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2020-Present)
 - Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants (2017-Present)
- Maryland Super Lawyers
 - Personal Injury – Medical Malpractice: Defense (2008-2025)