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Areas of Practice:

General Civil Litigation
Insurance Coverage & Third-Party Liability
Medical Liability & Health Care
Wrongful Death & Personal Injury Defense

Industries Served:

Insurance
Medical Service Providers
Professional Service Providers

Kathleen Elder focuses her practice on medical malpractice defense, wrongful death and personal injury defense, physician and nursing representation at administrative hearings, and general insurance defense matters. Prior to attending law school, Kathleen was a registered nurse at Banner Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, where she assisted in the operating rooms and helped kidney failure and transplant patients.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Obtained defense verdict in three-week Federal Court Case involving Section 1983 and medical negligence claims. Plaintiff claimed \$2 million in damages, and \$1.6 million in attorneys' fees.

CIVIC & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

- First Round Judge for Oplinger Closing Argument Competitions at Arizona State University, 2009-Present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Arizona
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel
- Arizona Women Lawyers Association

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, 2020-2023; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2021-2023

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Taking the Bite Out of Damages: Recoverability, Legal Defenses and Current Trends," presenter, JSH Annual Seminar: It's All Fun and Games Until Someone Gets Hurt, November 2014
- "The Quarterly Education Program: Case Law and Legislative Updates," Co-Presenter, Arizona Society for Health Care Risk Management, February 2012
- "Arizona Medical Malpractice," Co-Author, JSH proprietary materials, February 2012
- "Arizona High Courts Weigh in on Expert Witnesses in Medical Malpractice Cases," author, JSH Reporter, Spring 2009
- "Medical Malpractice," Co-Presenter, Phoenix, November 2009
- "Courts' Interpretation and Application of A.R.S. Section 12-2603," Author, JSH Reporter, Summer 2007

EDUCATION

Arizona College of Trial Advocacy, 2009
University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, J.D., *Dean's List*, 2002
Arizona State University, B.S., Justice Studies, *summa cum laude*, 1998
Glendale Community College, A.A., Nursing

BAR ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 2002

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona