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Francis J. Klemensic is a shareholder of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. and the Managing Attorney of the Erie office. He concentrates his practice in the area of civil litigation, with a particular emphasis in medical malpractice defense. Mr. Klemensic has 30 years of experience successfully defending hospitals, physicians, dentists, podiatrists, rehabilitation facilities, therapists, and psychiatrists in both state and federal courts throughout Pennsylvania.

Practice Focus

- Medical Malpractice Defense

Professional Accomplishments

- DistinguishedSM Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell[®] since 2009
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®]: 2015 “Lawyer of the Year” in Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants for Pittsburgh Metropolitan
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] since 2012: Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*[®] 2011 and 2014–2020

Representative Matters

- Successfully represented a psychiatrist in federal court in defense of a court ordered evaluation of an accused criminal, effectively establishing current legal principle in the application of witness immunity
- Successfully defended a radiologist and hospital against medical malpractice for failing to diagnose a cervical spine fracture
- Successfully defended a podiatrist against medical malpractice brought by a plaintiff who was found to be non-compliant
- Obtained a defense verdict for an obstetrician against a claim of malpractice resulting from the labor and delivery of an infant suffering from brain damage
- Successfully defended a surgeon against a retained sponge claim in a case involving an appendectomy performed on a minor
- Defeated a claim of negligence in favor of two family physicians accused of failing to diagnose sinus cancer

- Obtained a verdict in favor of a gynecologist who was sued for negligence for failing to diagnose and treat breast cancer

Speaking Engagements

- Erie County Bar Association – Medical Legal Committee (seminar speaker)
- Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (frequent guest lecturer)
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute (lecturer)

Admissions and Licenses

- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- Defense Research Institute
- Erie County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Association for Justice
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association

Community Involvement

- Erie Summer Festival of the Arts (former Board Member)
- Millcreek Youth Athletic Association (former Baseball and Basketball Coach)

Education

- University of Bridgeport Law School (*now* Quinnipiac University School of Law), J.D. (1984); Moot Court Advocacy Team
- Gannon University, B.A. (1981), Political Science/Pre-Law

