



## Rebecca J. Maziarz

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Rebecca J. Maziarz is a shareholder of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. She concentrates her practice in the area of health care law with a particular emphasis in medical malpractice litigation and negligence litigation. In addition to her litigation practice, she regularly counsels healthcare entities and physicians regarding regulatory compliance. Ms. Maziarz also focuses her practice in estate planning and administration working with individual estates, trusts and foundations. She is Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and Co-Chair of the Estate Planning and Administration Group. She is also a member of the firm's Marketing and Employment Committees.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Maziarz was the Director of Medical Information Management for both Sewickley Valley Hospital and Westmoreland Regional Hospital, and she also served as a Long Term Care Consultant to area nursing homes. Her health care industry background affords her clients an invaluable resource and perspective into healthcare protocols and processes. She serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences teaching Health Care Law. Additionally, Ms. Maziarz provides approved continuing education credits for nursing home administrators through seminars and webinars.

## Practice Focus

- Estate Planning and Administration
- Health Law Business
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Product Liability

## Professional Accomplishments

- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> - *Rising Stars* 2010
- University of Pittsburgh Varsity Letter Club Awardee of Distinction (2017)

## Representative Matters

Ms. Maziarz has successfully represented physicians, their professional corporations, hospitals and health care systems in extended pre-trial negotiations, at trial, mediation, and arbitration. She has also represented a variety of clients in the areas of premises liability, product liability, contract law, and securities law. Representative matters of Ms. Maziarz's practice include:

- Lead trial counsel for personal care home administrator in an alleged breach of contract case based on a personal guarantee; case resulted in a defense verdict after four days of trial
- Co-Counsel for an obstetrician/gynecologist and physician practice in an alleged failure to diagnose breast cancer; case resulted in a defense verdict after six days of trial
- Counseled global manufacturing client on alleged anti-kickback violation specific to sales commissions
- Prepared and coordinated response to Office of Civil Rights for physician practice relative to HIPAA violation; as a result of the corrective action taken, the OCR closed the case and no fine was issued
- Serves as General Counsel for a nonprofit entity protecting its interests in everyday issues involving laws specific to nonprofits, contracts, financing, employment matters, and disputes
- Provides legal advice to hospitals, home health agencies, hospices, long-term care facilities, and personal care homes on a range of operational issues including, but not limited to, medical staff credentialing, licensure, risk management and tax-exempt status
- Prepares, revises and negotiates various contracts including employment agreements for physicians and dentists, consultants and vendor contracts, settlement agreements and other business agreements

## Speaking Engagements

- "How to Play TAG and Not be IT" (Co-Speaker), program for nursing home administrators and directors of nursing
- "Fundamentals of Family Law" (Co-Presenter), Pennsylvania CLE
- "How to Conduct a Proper Risk Management Investigation," Western Pennsylvania members of PANPHA, an Association of Pennsylvania Nonprofit Senior Services
- "Estate Planning Basics," Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers and West Virginia University Hospital
- "Maintaining a Legally Sound Medical Record: Best Practices for Nurses," nursing staff at area hospitals
- "Nursing Communication and Documentation," nursing staff at area hospitals
- "Dental Employment Contracts," University of Pittsburgh, School of Dental Medicine, endodontic residents

## Admissions and Licenses

- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- West Virginia Bar Admission
- United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

## Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Japan American Society of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

## Community Involvement

- Credentialing Committee of Catholic Charities/Diocese of Pittsburgh, Free Health Care Center (Member 2018–present)
- HEARTH (Volunteer 2005–2013; Board of Directors 2005–2012; Board Emeritus 2017–present)

## Education

- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D. (2001), Appellate Moot Court Honor Society; Order of Barristers award
- University of Pittsburgh, B.S. (1985), Health Records Administration

