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## EXEMPLAR TRIAL EXPERIENCE

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### CONFIDENTIAL

Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland  
**Medical Malpractice & Health Care/2022**

Obtained a complete defense verdict in a medical malpractice action brought against our client, a plastic surgeon, as well as a vascular surgeon and a hospital. The plaintiff claimed that defendants failed to change out a Wound VAC sponge in a 90-year-old patient for several weeks, resulting in serious complications and hospitalizations. At the time of trial, the plaintiff claimed in excess of \$1 million in damages. After a two-week trial, the jury returned a unanimous verdict in favor of all defendants.

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Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
**Medical Malpractice & Health Care/2019**

Defense verdict for a plastic surgeon following two weeks of trial and a 50-minute jury deliberation. A 73-year-old man with diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, coronary artery disease – with eight cardiac stents – obesity and sleep apnea underwent a complex 18-hour elective plastic surgery that included four procedures. Plaintiff experienced post-operative complications requiring 6 days in the intensive care unit and 10 days' hospitalization. Plaintiff also experienced postoperative wound break-down, infection and dehiscence, which resolved over the course of eight months, and permanent scarring he attributed to negligence by his plastic surgeon.

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Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
**Medical Malpractice & Health Care/2018**

Defense verdict on behalf of a urology practice in a case involving allegations of medical malpractice and wrongful death against a medical assistant and board-certified urologist for improperly exchanging a suprapubic Foley catheter by placing it into the urethra, causing sepsis and death in a 77-year-old patient with stage-four prostate cancer. The case involved unique issues as to the existence of a national standard of care for a medical assistant and an intervening-cause jury instruction for the negligence of the subsequent treating providers who moved the catheter into the urethra, did not identify the catheter on the CT scan and failed to order timely steroids to save the decedent.

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Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
**Medical Malpractice & Health Care/2016**

Defense verdict in a case involving an orthopedic surgeon. The jury found that the surgeon did not breach the national standard of care in performing a carpal tunnel release surgery or in the subsequent care. Wilson Elser also received a favorable ruling in limine that the plaintiff could not seek future lost wages based on a speculative calculation using earnings from 10 years before the injury.

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Circuit Court for Baltimore City  
**Medical Malpractice & Health Care/2016**

Defense verdict for a gastroenterologist who performed a colonoscopy on an 85-year-old patient where a perforation occurred, requiring additional surgery and extensive hospitalization.

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Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland  
**Specialty Professional Risks/2014**

Defense verdict in favor of a third-party administrator accused of fraud, conspiracy and negligent misrepresentation, among other claims. The plaintiff suffered an on-the-job injury and brought suit against the TPA, which was managing his return to work. The five-count lawsuit against the TPA was initially premised on an allegation that the firm fabricated the signature of a treating physician to illicitly hasten the plaintiff's return to work. Wilson Elser obtained summary judgment in favor of our client on four of the five counts prior to trial.

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Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland  
**Medical Malpractice & Health Care/2014**

Defense verdict on behalf of an orthopedic surgeon and his practice in a medical malpractice case brought by a patient who alleged that the timing of the orthopedic surgeon's decision to repair her fractures caused an infection that she claimed necessitated more than 28 subsequent surgeries. She claimed that the alleged negligence left her permanently disabled and caused her to lose her job. As a result of motions filed prior to trial, Wilson Elser successfully excluded all of the plaintiff's economic damages from the case.

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Circuit Court for Baltimore County  
**Medical Malpractice & Health Care/2014**

Successfully defended an internal medicine physician in a medical malpractice jury trial. The lawsuit was brought by the four surviving children of a man who was diagnosed with pneumonia in the physician's office and treated as an outpatient. The family alleged the physician should have initially treated the patient in the hospital and that he would have survived had he been hospitalized and administered a different course of antibiotics. Following a one-week trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the physician.