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PRACTICES

Medical Malpractice Defense

EDUCATION

Wayne State University Law School (J.D., 2012)

University of Tennessee - Knoxville (M.S., 2006)

Grand Valley State University (B.S., 2004)

ADMITTED

Michigan State Bar (2012)

ATTORNEY

Laura Johnson is an attorney in Smith Haughey's Grand Rapids office. Her practice focuses on medical malpractice defense litigation. Laura represents hospitals, physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers throughout the state in all stages of litigation.

Prior to joining Smith Haughey, Laura gained considerable experience working as a medical malpractice plaintiff's attorney in the Detroit and Grand Rapids, Michigan areas. Laura's experience as a plaintiff's attorney allows her a unique and advantageous perspective in litigating for the defense. Laura is well versed in all aspects of litigation and has been involved in multiple trials of high value malpractice cases.

Laura earned her J.D. from Wayne State University Law School. She made the most of her time in law school by participating in multiple extracurricular and academic activities. Laura participated in the Disability Law Clinic, interned for a Wayne County Circuit Court judge, worked as a research assistant for the Dean of Students, and interned with the City of Livonia law department. In addition, Laura was involved with Moot Court and achieved honors as a semi-finalist at the Cardozo Moot Court Competition in New York City. Prior to graduating from Wayne State University Law School in 2012, Laura received the Silver Key Award for academic accomplishments and received the Book Award in Environmental Law. Laura earned her B.S. in Health Sciences from Grand Valley State University where she graduated with honors from the Honors College. She also holds an M.S. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Tennessee - Knoxville.

In her spare time, Laura enjoys volunteering at her child's school where she is on the PTA Executive Board and has participated in several task forces and focus groups commissioned by the Superintendent. Laura also enjoys spending time with her husband and children and particularly appreciates taking advantage of the beautiful West Michigan summers.

NOTEWORTHY

Named a Notable West Michigan Lawyer by Crain's Grand Rapids Business (2023-2024)

Michigan Lawyer's Weekly "Up and Coming Lawyer" (2019)

Listed as a "Rising Star" in Michigan Super Lawyers (2022) - Personal Injury Medical Practice: Defense

Named as The Best Lawyers in America® "Ones to Watch in America™" (2023, 2024) - Medical Malpractice Law Defendants

Listed as Grand Rapids Magazine "Top Lawyer" - Medical Malpractice Law (2022)