



## Deborah R. Lydon

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Debbie is known as a seasoned commercial litigator and health care attorney, representing clients in state and federal courts, arbitrations, and mediations, as well as transactional matters. She also has represented clients before state and federal regulatory agencies, by having broad experience in medico-legal matters generally.

With a strong prior background of eight years in health care management, Debbie is sensitive to the complexities of the industry and brings her corporate insights to efficiently manage her clients' matters. Her clients have included The Procter & Gamble Company, Humana, LasikPlus, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Franciscan Health System, HealthSouth, Shelter Insurance Companies, Riverhills Neuroscience, and numerous other healthcare providers. Outside the healthcare arena, she has served as trial counsel for entities such as Yamaha, Staffmark, and SST Bearing Corporation, as well as numerous individuals.

Debbie has appeared in courts throughout Ohio and Kentucky, as well as California, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Texas and Washington. Her cases have involved a broad spectrum of issues, including negligence, product liability, health care, fraud and abuse, qui tam allegations, breach of contract, defamation, fiduciary disputes, bankruptcy, antitrust, trade secrecy, indemnification, UCC transactions, and non-compete violations.

She has served as the national Health Care practice group chair for ALFA International. She taught health law courses at the University of Cincinnati College of Law for 10 years, co-authored "The Law of Medical Practice in Ohio," and authored numerous publications in the field of health law.

### Services

- Litigation
- White Collar Defense
- Antitrust & Trade Regulation
- Product Liability
- Mass Tort

- Tort
- Government Investigations
- Health Care Industry
- Medical Malpractice

## **Education**

- University of Cincinnati College of Law (J.D., 1981)
  - Order of the Barrister
- University of Cincinnati (B.G.S., 1977)
  - Honor Society

## **Bar Admissions**

- Ohio
- Kentucky

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

## **Affiliations/Memberships**

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Cincinnati Bar Association
- ALFA International, Health Care practice group, past chair
- Drug and Poison Information Center, past board chair
- U.C. Friends of Women Studies, past board vice chair
- The Child Poverty Collaborative, Advisory Committee

## **Distinctions**

- Peer Review Rated AV® Preeminent™ by *Martindale-Hubbell*
- *Best Lawyers*®

- Health Care Law (2022,2024)
- Ohio *Super Lawyers*®

## Experience

### **Breach of Contract Claims**

Our client claimed a breach of a purchase agreement involving industrial goods. Following several days at trial, a judge in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas entered a judgment favorable to our client, including a total award in excess of \$500,000 that included compensation, late fees and legal costs.

### **Credentialing/Licensure Disputes**

We successfully litigated credentialing and licensure disputes to allow our healthcare clients to maintain their credentialing/licensure status.

### **Healthcare Fraud Allegations**

We successfully defended various healthcare providers in both criminal and civil proceedings involving claims of healthcare fraud.

### **Indemnification Claim**

We successfully defended a national staffing company in a case where the adverse party sought indemnification in connection with claims brought by the EEOC based on the opponent's allegedly wrongful conduct. The case was venued in the U.S. District Court in Maryland. We received a favorable judgment. The opponent was ordered to pay more than \$2 million.

### **Product Liability Claims**

We successfully defended hundreds of product liability claims filed after products were withdrawn from the market.

### **Successfully defend claims against managed care organization**

We successfully defended numerous claims by enrollees.

### **Whistleblower Claims**

We successfully defended and helped prosecute whistle blower claims involving healthcare providers.

### **“Wrongful Living” Lawsuit**

We successfully argued for our client, a hospital, before the Ohio Supreme Court that a “wrongful living” claim could not be presented in connection with resuscitation by a healthcare provider.

### **Medical malpractice claims**

We successfully defended numerous medical malpractice claims.

### **Breach of Contract Claim**

We successfully prosecuted a breach of contract claim for our client after the defendant failed to pay for projects it had ordered. The issue was resolved favorably for our client through arbitration.

## **Alleged ERISA Violations**

We successfully defended a large medical practice accused of ERISA violations. Judgment was awarded to our client by a judge in the US District Court of Cincinnati, Ohio.

## **Breach of Contract and Defamation Claims**

We successfully handled breach of contract and defamation claims involving competing accountants. The case was tried for three days in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, after which a favorable settlement was reached.

## **Breach of Contract and Trade Secret Misappropriation Claims**

We have represented a large physicians group in commercial litigation against several formerly-employed physicians based on breach of contract and misappropriation of trade secrets. One case was tried for five days in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas; we received a judgment favorable to our client for approximately \$300,000. Other matters were also prosecuted successfully for the client.

## **Class Actions**

Defended state and national class action allegations involving various industries.

## **Multi-District Litigation**

We have successfully coordinated the defense of national actions brought against the makers of health-oriented products.

## **Other Litigation Experience**

Debbie Lydon has represented manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies, managed care organizations, hospitals, individual healthcare providers, employee leasing companies, staffing companies, importers, distributors, recruiters, insurance companies, publishers, accountants, fiduciaries, and others.

Representative matters:

**The Procter & Gamble Company** - Defense of Mass Tort Litigation, Regulatory, Transactional and Compliance Advice

**Humana** - Litigation Counsel

**HealthSouth** - Resolution of disputes with Ohio entities

**Showa Denko KK** - Defense of Mass Tort Litigation

**Staffmark** - Litigation Counsel

**Yamaha Motor Corporation U.S.A.** - Litigation Counsel

**LasikPlus** - Litigation Counsel and Risk Management

**Shelter Insurance Companies** - Litigation Counsel

**Franciscan Health System** - Litigation Counsel and Risk Management

**Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center** - Litigation Counsel

**Inova Health System** - Litigation Counsel

**Professional Risk Management Services** - Litigation involving Psychiatrists

**SST Bearing Corporation** - Litigation Counsel

**Riverhills Healthcare, Inc.** - Outside and Litigation Counsel

**Interlake Material Handling, Inc.** - Litigation Counsel

**Anonymous Hospitals** - Defense of RICO, Health Care Fraud, Qui Tam and Malpractice allegations

**Health Care Providers** - Litigation counsel; advisor on various issues including regulatory matters, fraud & abuse, licensure, credentialing, risk management, criminal allegations, etc.

**Fiduciaries** - Litigation Counsel