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### OVERVIEW

Ms. Loidolt is a shareholder and trial lawyer with more than 25 years of experience defending medical providers.

Ms. Loidolt is committed to obtaining justice for her clients who have been wrongfully accused of malpractice. She is recognized as a leading medical malpractice trial lawyer who has successfully tried more than 50 medical cases to jury. She has handled many high-exposure cases including claims of birth injury and cerebral palsy. Ms. Loidolt recently successfully obtained a verdict in her client's favor in a claim of negligent management of labor and delivery, causing "birth injury," and cerebral palsy, and involving a life-care plan of future medical care costs totaling \$33 million.

Ms. Loidolt is a 2012 recipient of the Minnesota Lawyer of the Year award, presented by *Minnesota Lawyer*. She was featured in *Super Lawyers Magazine*, in the article, "The Gunslinger, the Bulldog or the Pit Bull," which highlighted her dogged dedication of obtaining justice for her clients. Ms. Loidolt is a Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA). She was recently interviewed by the LCA about her career as a trial lawyer, and her thoughts on diversity and equal pay. Ms. Loidolt is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of medical malpractice. She has a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rating.

Ms. Loidolt regularly lectures on a variety of topics including malpractice, leadership, and gender equality in the law profession and also serves on Bassford Remele's Compensation Committee.

### EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

#### Education

Hamline University School of Law, J.D., Silver Gavel Honor Society, *cum laude*, 1992

- Merit Scholarship

- *Hamline University Law Review*, Symposium Editor

University of Minnesota, B.S., 1985

National Defense University, Capstone Executive Spouse Course, 2015

Harvard University, Harvard Kennedy School, Women and Power: Leadership in a New World, 2006

#### Bar Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, District of North Dakota
- Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- North Dakota

### EXPERIENCE

#### Representative Cases/Exemplar Trial and Verdict List

1. *Watkins*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; July 29-August 2, 2019; Medical Malpractice; claim of failure to diagnose diabetic ketoacidosis of mother resulting in death of 27-week old infant; Defense Verdict.
2. *Van*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; April 23-May 1, 2018; Medical Malpractice: claim of failure to diagnose and treat post-partum hemorrhage resulting in uterine atony, DIC, and hysterectomy; Defense Verdict.

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3. *Allinger*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; December 4-8, 2017; Medical Malpractice: claim of negligent failure to diagnosis a post total knee arthroplasty complication resulting in pain and suffering, and the need for a revision surgery.
4. *McReynolds*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; October 30-November 2, 2017; Medical Malpractice: claim of negligent performance of laminectomy and discectomy; Defense Verdict.
5. *Domina*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; Medical Malpractice: claim of negligence in LASIK surgery, and lack of informed consent; Defense Verdict.
6. *Kelemen*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; Medical Malpractice: Res Ipsa Loquitor: claim of retained foreign body; Directed Verdict for Defendant.
7. *Gould*; Anoka County, Minnesota; March 28-April 4, 2016; Medical Malpractice: claim of delay in diagnosis of cancer, resulting in stage IV breast cancer and reduced chance of survival; Defense Verdict.
8. *Damgaard*, United States District Court, District of Minnesota; February 16-March 7, 2016; Medical Malpractice: claim of “birth injury”; Defense Verdict.
9. *Walsh*, Big Stone County, Minnesota; February 9-11, 2015; Medical Malpractice; Damages Only.
10. *Cornelius*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; January 12-21, 2015; Medical Malpractice/Wrongful Death; Defense Verdict.
11. *MacKinney*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; October 20-29, 2014; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
12. *Novack*, Ramsey County, Minnesota; June 16-July 1, 2014; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
13. *Karedla*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; April 21-30, 2014; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
14. *Adams*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; December 9-18, 2013; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
15. *Klinkhamer*, Washington County, Minnesota; June 24-28, 2013; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
16. *Riley*, Washington County, Minnesota; September 24-October 9, 2012; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
17. *Selding*, United States District Court, District of Minnesota; April 30-May 7, 2012; Medical Negligence; Defense Verdict.
18. *Plank*, Dakota County, Minnesota; January 23-February 1, 2012; Medical Malpractice/Wrongful Death; Defense Verdict.
19. *Fienagha*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; April 26-May 3, 2010; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
20. *Hawkins*, Ramsey County, Minnesota; March 2010; Medical Malpractice/Wrongful Death; Defense Verdict.
21. *Cain*, Dakota County, Minnesota; September 14-17, 2009; Medical Malpractice/Wrongful Death; Directed Verdict.

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22. *Keeley*, Morrison County, Minnesota; March 2-6, 2009; Medical Malpractice/Wrongful Death; Defense Verdict.
23. *Milich*, St. Croix County, Wisconsin; December 9-11, 2008; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
24. *Asfeld*, Meeker County, Minnesota; September 10-18, 2008; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
25. *Schroeder*, Washburn County, Wisconsin; January 8-11, 2008; Medical Malpractice/Wrongful Death; Defense Verdict.
26. *Schwanke*, Stearns County, Minnesota; September 18 - October 11, 2007; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
27. *Irvin*, St. Croix County, Wisconsin; March 12-19, 2007; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
28. *Solis*, Lyon County, Minnesota; February 5-15, 2007; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
29. *Filkins*, Pierce County, Wisconsin; June 5-7, 2006; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
30. *Bates*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; February 21-March 7, 2006; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
31. *Kulsrud*, Goodhue County, Minnesota; August 8-19, 2005; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
32. *Brooks*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; March 7-11, 2005; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
33. *Johnsen*, Ramsey County, Minnesota; May 10-13, 2004; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
34. *Rosenquist*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; March 8-12, 2004; Medical Malpractice/Wrongful Death; Defense Verdict.
35. *Machacek*, Rice County, Minnesota; January 6-12, 2004; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
36. *Ananda-Owens*, Rice County, Minnesota; November 4-13, 2003; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
37. *Kahn*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; January 27-31, 2003; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
38. *Deshayes*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; September 10-13, 2001; Medical Malpractice/Wrongful Death; Defense Verdict.
39. *Otterstetter*, Crow Wing County, Minnesota; June-7, 2001; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
40. *Ryan*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; April 2-13, 2001; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
41. *Klug*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; January 8-12, 2001; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
42. *Beugen*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; July 25-31, 2000; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
43. *Borscheid*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; January 24-28, 2000; Medical Malpractice/Wrongful Death; Defense Verdict.
44. *Rush*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; January 25-29, 1999; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
44. *Miller*, Hennepin County, Minnesota; June 9-13, 1997; Medical Malpractice; Defense Verdict.
45. *Weisenberger*, Ramsey County, Minnesota; September 26-October 6, 1994; Medical Malpractice/Wrongful Death; Defense Verdict.

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### Publications

- *Malpractice Lawsuits: Minimizing the Risks*, author, *Minnesota Physician*, XIX(1):22, April 2005
- *ERISA Preemption of Managed Care Claims: and Proposed Legislation to Increase the Liability of HMOs*, author, *Minnesota Defense*, 21(1):9, Winter 2000

### Seminars

- Co-Chair, 2019 Medical Malpractice Conference, HCBA/MNAJ/MDLA, Minneapolis, MN, June 6, 2019
- *Pretrial Motions and Trial Strategies*, presenter, DRI Reptile Seminar, Chicago, IL, June 13, 2018
- Co-Chair, 2018 Medical Malpractice Conference, HCBA/MNAJ/MDLA, Minneapolis, MN, April 12, 2018
- *The Seemingly Seamless Presentation of Evidence: How to Make Your Expert Look Like a Genius*, presenter, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Trial Techniques Seminar, Duluth, MN, August 18, 2017
- Faculty, 2017 Medical Malpractice Conference, HCBA/MNAJ/MDLA, Minneapolis, MN, April 20, 2017
- *Informed Consent - The Latest Trend in Medical Malpractice Claims*, presenter, HealthPartners In-Service, November 24, 2016
- *Gender Equality and Lawyers: A Conversation Starter*, presenter, Minnesota National Guard Joint Leadership Board, Rosemount, MN, November 2, 2016
- *Minimizing the Risk of Malpractice Lawsuits: Informed Consent, Negligent Nondisclosure, and the "Reptile" Theory*, presenter, ENT SpecialtyCare of Minnesota, August 24, 2016
- *What I Learned from Trying My Biggest Case*, presenter, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, April 21, 2016
- *Working with Experts*, presenter, Continuing Education Seminar, Minnesota State Bar Association, Minneapolis, MN, December 2, 2015
- *Illuminating the Path: Scaling the Obstacles on Your Way*, panel member, 14th Annual MDLA Women Lawyers' Breakfast, Minneapolis, MN, July 9, 2015
- *Reducing the Risk of Malpractice Lawsuits*, presenter, Surgical Specialists of Minnesota, Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, MN, June 24, 2015
- *Own It: Seizing your Power and Choosing your Path*, presenter, 11th Annual Women's Leadership Conference, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, April 24, 2015
- *Glass Ceilings and Glass Slippers*, presenter, Litigation Counsel of America, 2015 Spring Conference & Celebration of Fellows, Newport Beach, CA, April 16, 2015
- Faculty, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Trial Academy [National Institute for Trial Advocacy], University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, January 10-12, 2013; January 7-9, 2010; and January 9-10, 2009

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- *Getting the Plaintiff on the Special Verdict Form for Contributory Negligence*, presenter, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Medical Liability and Health Care Committee Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 14, 2012
- *Cross Examination of Experts; an Exercise in Wordsmithing*, presenter, Litigation Counsel of America 2010 Fall Conference and Induction of Fellows, Naples, FL, October, 2010
- *The Art of Jury Selection*, presenter, Midwest Medical Insurance Company Board of Directors Claim Committee Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, May 4, 2009
- *Strategies for Preparing and Defending Witnesses in Depositions and at Trial*, presenter, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Mid-Winter Conference, Duluth, MN, February 8, 2009
- *The Unsatisfied Patient: What Attorneys Know that Physicians Should*, presenter, Emergency Physicians, P.A. Conference: Patient Satisfaction, Minneapolis, MN, January 14-15, 2009
- *The Art of Jury Selection*, presenter, Midwest Medical Insurance Company All Claim Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, January 8, 2009
- *Minimizing the Risk of Malpractice Lawsuits in Labor and Delivery*, presenter, Labor and Delivery Leadership, OB/Gyn Department, Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, MN, July 29, 2008
- *Technology in the Courtroom: The Electronic Presentation of Evidence*, presenter, Litigation Counsel of America Spring 2008 Conference, Miami Beach, FL, May 1-2, 2008
- *Technology in the Courtroom - What Works for Me?*, presenter, Medical Malpractice Conference, Co-sponsored by: Hennepin County Bar Association, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, Minnesota Association for Justice, Minneapolis, MN, April 17, 2008
- *MMIC Group Practice Symposium: Recent Trends in Medical Malpractice Litigation*, presenter, Midwest Medical Insurance Company, The Northland Inn, Brooklyn Park, MN, September 17, 2004
- *Northfield Hospital In-Service: Minimizing the Risk of Litigation*, presenter, Northfield, MN, February 17, 2004
- *Closing Argument*, presenter, Civil Trial Practice Institute, Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, Minneapolis, MN, June 11, 2002
- *Communicating with Clients*, presenter, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, MN, March 7, 2002
- *Managed Care and Medical Records*, presenter, Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, Earle Brown Center, Brooklyn Park, MN, May 4, 2001
- *The Shea Case - The Role of Managed Care Incentives in Malpractice Litigation*, presenter, Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, Calhoun Beach Club, Minneapolis, MN, April 6, 2001
- *MMIC Breast Cancer Seminar: Defending Breast Cancer Claims*, presenter, Midwest Medical Insurance Company, Bloomington, MN, February 22, 2001
- *Drug and Medical Device Liability: Duty to Warn*, presenter, Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, Earle Brown Center, Brooklyn Park, MN, September 27, 2000
- *Medical Malpractice Liability of HMOs and Their Physicians: Recent Developments*, presenter, Minnesota State Bar Association, Health Law Section, Minneapolis, MN, April 21, 2000
- *Obtaining and Reviewing Medical Records and Working with Medical Experts*, presenter, Personal Injury Practice for Paralegals, Half Moon Agency, December 17, 1999

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- *MMIC Managed Care Liability Seminar: Claims, Risk Management and Underwriting Issues*, presenter, Midwest Medical Insurance Company, September 29, 1998
- *MMIC Managed Care Liability Seminar: Management Issues*, presenter, Midwest Medical Insurance Company, April 9, 1998
- *Punitive Damages Claims: Do They Have a Place in Medical Malpractice Actions?*, presenter, Liability and Litigation in Medical Malpractice, Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, October 17, 1996
- *Statute of Limitations Applicable to Medical Malpractice Claims and Implications for Integrated Delivery Systems*, written materials only, Allina Compliant/Claim Management Workshop, October 1994

**PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC**

**Professional Achievements**

- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow
- Professional Liability Defense Federation, Fellow

**Bar Associations**

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- State Bar of Wisconsin
- State Bar Association of North Dakota
- Hennepin County Bar Association

**Professional Associations**

- Defense Research Institute
- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- Minnesota Women Lawyers  
- Partner Leadership Council
- Minnesota Hospital Association
- North Dakota Hospital Association

**Civic Involvement**

- Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, childcare volunteer

**ACCOLADES**

**Honors & Awards**

- Superior Volunteer Service Award, 2019  
- Highest National Guard award to a civilian
- Attorney of the Year, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2012
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, 2010-present
- Rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Minnesota Super Lawyers list, *Super Lawyers*, 1999-2000, 2003-present
- Minnesota Top 100 attorney list, *Super Lawyers*, 2012
- Minnesota Top 50 Women attorney list, *Super Lawyers*, 2011-2015