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D. Jennifer Andreou currently serves as Plunkett Cooney's Medical Liability Practice Group Leader. She is an aggressive and accomplished trial attorney.

Ms. Andreou specializes in the defense of physicians and hospitals in claims alleging medical malpractice. Other areas of expertise include representation of physicians before the Michigan Bureau of Health Services Board of Medicine and issues associated with hospital ethics and healthcare law.

Representative Client Work

- Successfully defended to no cause for action many claims relating to ectopic pregnancies against emergency medicine physicians, family practice physicians and obstetricians/gynecologists.
- Successfully defended a cardiologist in a wrongful death action where plaintiff alleged improper work up of heart disease resulting in a myocardial infarction while driving an automobile causing the plaintiff's death and the death of the individual whom plaintiff hit. A no cause for action was obtained on all counts.
- Successfully defended to no cause for action several claims alleging wrongful death (stillborn) as a result of claimed improper management during labor and delivery.
- Successfully defended to no cause for action many claims alleging improper surgical technique against general surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, interventional cardiologists and interventional radiologists.
- Successfully defended to no cause for action several claims against nursing homes and nursing home personnel, alleging improper Coumadin management, decubitus ulcers and fractures due to falls.

Areas of Practice

- Medical Liability

Honors & Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating-AV Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated. AV is a registered certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties, Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies
- Michigan Super Lawyer in Personal Injury Defense: Medical Malpractice, Michigan Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication, 2009-2011
- Elected to American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), 2009

Education

- University of Detroit School of Law, cum laude, J.D., 1985
- Wayne State University, with honors, B.A., 1982

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1986

- Daubert Hearings: In an era when the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court have instructed trial courts to assert their gatekeeper role, Ms. Andreou has been successful in convincing trial courts to hold *Daubert* hearings (evidentiary hearings which test the scientific reliability of a proffered theory) and has prevailed at such hearings.
- Dispositive Motions: An aggressive litigator, Ms. Andreou constantly looks for ways to obtain early dismissal of a case and has prevailed in having dozens of cases dismissed based on successful challenges to the statute of limitations, expert qualifications and proximate cause.

Publications and Lectures

- "Perfect Game;" Moderator and Presenter; Plunkett Cooney's Medical Liability Seminar; Detroit Athletic Club; April 7, 2011
- "The Right Side of Checkmate;" Moderator; Plunkett Cooney's Medical Liability Seminar; Detroit Athletic Club; April 30, 2010
- Mock Trial Presentation, Detroit Medical Center, 2006
- Mock Trial Presentation, Meadowbrook Insurance Company, 2006
- "A Legal Primer for the Physician Assistant," Speaker, The Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants, 2006
- Mock Trial Presentation, St. John Medical Center, 2005
- "HIPAA and its Impact on Meeting with Treating Physicians;" Speaker, Plunkett & Cooney client seminar, 2004
- Mock Trial Presentation, Detroit Medical Center, 2004
- "Deposition Preparation: Knowledge is Power," Speaker, Grand Rounds, General Surgery, Detroit Medical Center, 2003
- "Deposition Preparation: Knowledge is Power," Speaker, Grand Rounds, Orthopedics, Detroit Medical Center, 2002
- "What can we Learn from Tobin?," *Tobin v Providence Hospital*, Mich App (2001), Healthcare Law Summary, 2001
- "Deposition Preparation: Knowledge is Power," Speaker, Grand Rounds, Internal Medicine, Detroit Medical Center, 2000
- "An Overview of the top Medical Malpractice Decisions of 2000," Healthcare Law Summary, 2000
- "Anatomy of a Lawsuit," Speaker, Detroit Medical Center, 1998 & 1999
- "Nursing Home Liability: Ordinary or Professional Negligence," Legal Panelist, Port Huron Hospital, 1996
- "Practice Guidelines - Risk or Risk Reduction," Panelist, Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, 1996
- "Ethical Considerations with DNR Codes and Patient Advocate Designation," Legal Panelist, Port Huron Hospital, 1995
- "Deposition Preparation: Knowledge is Power," Legal Panelist, Bon Secours Hospital, 1990

Professional Affiliations

- Macomb County Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan (Litigation Section)
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Federal Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Economic Club of Detroit
- Port Huron General Hospital Ethics Committee
- Detroit Barristers (Board of Directors; Chairperson-Holiday Food Fund; Chairperson-American Cancer Lock Up; Chairperson-Senior Citizens Law Day)

Speaking Engagements

- Medical Liability Seminar - Perfect Game
- 2010 Medical Liability Seminar
- Extended Care Seminar & Mock Trial - Nov. 6

News

- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2011
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- Seminar to slash trail through extended care industry legal jungle
- Firm Names Andreou Medical Liability Practice Group Leader