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Donald DeVries is a founding partner of Goodell DeVries. He has tried well over 100 cases to verdict. Since he and his partners established Goodell DeVries in 1988, he has built an award-winning regional medical malpractice defense litigation practice and is known for successfully representing many notable clients in trial and appellate courts.

According to clients quoted in *The Best Lawyers of America*, Donald is “a giant among his peers” and “uses his vast experience to recommend thoughtful defense strategies, has the respect of the plaintiff’s bar, and utilizes his many relationships to obtain successful outcomes on cases.” Further, “[Donald’s] quiet yet strong manner provides clients great comfort and his adversaries great concern. His ethics are unassailable and his competence is unquestionable.” “When I have a matter that requires great legal skill coupled with common sense and intellect, Don is my lawyer of first choice.” As described by *Chambers USA*, a leading guide to the legal industry, he is a “superb lawyer” who is “top of the heap in medical malpractice and products liability defense in Maryland.”

Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice
- Medical Institutions Law

Court Admissions

- Maryland
- Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Education

- University of Maryland, School of Law (J.D., with Honors, 1973)
- Dartmouth College (B.A., with Honors, 1969)

Professional Associations

- Maryland State Bar Association – Chair, Committee of Law Reform (2011-2013)
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers (2005-Present)
- American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) (2000-Present)
- Steering Committee, Chemical and Toxic Tort Special Litigation Group (2002)
- International Association of Defense Counsel – Member (1985-Present); Vice Chairman, Medical Malpractice Committee for Newsletters (1989-1990); Program Chairman (1990-1992); Chairman, Medical Malpractice Committee (1992-1995); Chairman, Defense Counsel Committee (1997-1999); Executive Committee (1999-2002)
- International Society of Barristers (1998-Present);
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) – Member (1984-Present); Maryland Member of National Executive Committee (1992-2004); President of Maryland Chapter (1992-1995)
- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (1993-Present)
- American Inns of Court (1986-1992)
- AIDA – The International Insurance Law Society, U.S. Chapter (1994-2002)
- Practice Digest Editorial Board (1990-1992)
- The Defense Research Institute
- Committee on Uninsured Persons, Maryland Governor's Commission on Health Care Policy and Financing (1988-1990)
- American Bar Association – Vice-Chairman, Medicine and Law Committee of Torts and Insurance Practice (1982-1983, 1984-1985, 1985-1986, 1986-1987, 1987-1988, 1988-1989); Chairman, Medicine and Law Committee of Torts and Insurance Practice Section of American Bar Association (1988-1989); Forum Committee on Health Law of the ABA; Medicine and Law Committee, Medical Advisory Panel (1986-1987)
- Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc.
- Wednesday Law Club (1986-Present)
- Maryland State Medical Society

- Joint Executive/Legislative Task Force on Medical Malpractice Insurance (1985, resulting in tort reform enacted by Maryland's legislature in 1986)
- District of Columbia Bar Association

Publications and Seminars

- Donald L. DeVries, Jr. and Ian Gallacher, "Medical Monitoring in Drug and Medical Device Cases: Taking the Temperature of a New Theory," *Defense Counsel Journal*, April 2001, Vol. 68, No. 2
- Speaker, "Strategies for Defending Medical Monitoring Claims," Defense Research Institute, Drug and Medical Device Litigation Seminar (2000)
- Speaker, Defense Research Institute, Drug and Medical Device Seminar on Medical Monitoring (Spring 2000)
- Moderator and Program Planner, International Association of Defense Counsel, Annual Meeting, Medical Malpractice Committee, AIDS Program (1992)
- Faculty, International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy, Boulder, Colorado (1991)
- Moderator and Program Planner, International Association of Defense Counsel, Annual Meeting, Medical Malpractice Committee, Breast Cancer Program (1991)
- Faculty, Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education for Lawyers (MICPEL), Course on Deposition Training (1984-1995)
- Faculty, MICPEL, Nine-Day Trial Advocacy Program (1989-1994)
- Faculty, ABA National Institute on Medical Malpractice (1987-1990)
- Moderator and Program Planner, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Medicine and Law Committee of TIPS, on AIDS in the Hospital Workplace and on Current Developments in Medicine and Law (1988)
- Moderator and Program Planner, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Medicine and Law Committee of TIPS, on Current Developments and Future Trends (1986)
- Faculty, MICPEL, Course on Medical Malpractice, 1985, Course On Structured Settlements, (1990-1991)
- Faculty, Maryland Trial Lawyers Association, Course on Medical Malpractice (1983, 1985)
- Speaker, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Medicine and Law Committee of TIPS, on Birth-Related Torts (1984)
- Member, Maryland State Bar Association Special Committee on Health Claims Arbitration (1983)

- Co-Author, “Back to the Future? Product Liability Class Actions and Proposed Rule 23 Changes,” *Defense Counsel Journal*, April 1997, Vol. 64, No. 2
- Contributing Author, *Medical and Hospital Negligence*, Volume III, Chapter 39, “Defendant's Voir Dire” (1988)
- “Wrongful Life, Wrongful Birth, and Wrongful Pregnancy: Judicial Divergence in the Birth Related Torts,” *The Forum*, Volume 20, Number 2, Winter 1985

Professional Experience

- Goodell DeVries – Partner (1988-Present)
- Semmes, Bowen & Semmes – Partner (1980-1988)
- Semmes, Bowen & Semmes – Associate (1973-1980)

Honors and Awards

- Chambers USA – Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense (Maryland), Senior Statespeople (2019)
- Chambers USA – Healthcare: Medical Malpractice, Maryland, Band 1 (2018)
- Best Lawyers in America – Medical Malpractice Law (2011 – Present)
- Best Lawyers in America – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2011 – Present)
- Best Lawyers in America – Litigation – Health Care (2017 – Present)
- Best Lawyers in America – “Lawyer of the Year” Award for Baltimore Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2012)
- Best Lawyers in America – “Lawyer of the Year” Award for Baltimore Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2013)
- Chambers USA, Health Care – Medical Malpractice (2007 – 2015)
- Maryland Super Lawyers, Second Top Point Getter (2010 – 2011); Top 10 Super Lawyer (2007 – 2014, 2016 – 2019), Top 100 Super Lawyer (2015)
- Maryland Super Lawyers, Cover Story, the Annual List of Top Attorneys in Maryland (2014)
- *The Daily Record* – Leadership in Law Award (2006)
- Recipient of the Maryland Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians’ EMS Provider of the Year Award (2006)
- Oxford’s Who’s Who Registry of Extraordinary Professionals, 1993
- Marquis Who’s Who in American Law
- Marquis Who’s Who in America
- Marquis Who’s Who in Finance and Business

- George W. Yancey Memorial Award from the International Association of Defense Counsel for the most outstanding contribution to the *Defense Counsel Journal* with the article “Back to the Future? Product Liability Class Actions and Proposed Rule 23 Changes” (1988)
- Shock Trauma Physicians Staff Award, In recognition of commitment to Shock Trauma Center (1993)

Community Activities

- Union Memorial Hospital Foundation - Board of Directors (2003-2007)
- Emergency Medical Services Board (EMS) (appointed by Governor to oversee Maryland's entire emergency medical system) - Chairman (1993-Present)
- Roland Park Country School - Board of Trustees (1987-1994)
- Shock Trauma Board of Visitors - Chairman (1990-1993)
- Shock Trauma Gala - Chairman, Solicitation Committee (1988-1989); Shock Trauma Gala - Co-Chairman (1990-1991)
- Harbor Hospital - Board of Trustees and Executive Committee (1983-1988)
- Woodbourne Center - Board of Trustees (1981-1988)
- St. David's Church - Vestryman (1982-1985)
- American Heart Association Heart Ball - Co-Chairman (1986-1988)
- Canons and Other Business Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland - Member (1984-1989)
- American Heart Association, Maryland Affiliate - Board of Directors (1986-1994)