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Joseph Kavanagh is an associate in Goodell DeVries's Medical Malpractice Practice Group. He represents healthcare providers, healthcare organizations, and insurance carriers in various malpractice claims.

Before joining the firm, Joseph was an associate at a Baltimore civil defense firm, where he handled a wide range of litigation matters, including premises liability cases, strict liability actions, and bad faith complaints against insurance carriers.

He also served as an Assistant Public Defender at the Maryland Office of the Public Defender and as a Reentry Fellow in the Civil Legal Initiative of the National Juvenile Defender Center. While in law school, he was a Judicial Intern for The Honorable Sally D. Adkins of the Supreme Court of Maryland.

## Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice
- Risk Management, Investigations, and Compliance

## Court Admissions

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

## Education

- American University, Washington College of Law (J.D. *cum laude*, 2015)
  - American University Criminal Justice Clinic – Student Attorney
  - *American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law* – Published comment in volume 23.1 (Fall 2014)
  - Mock Trial Honor Society – President (2014-2015)
- St. Mary's College of Maryland (B.A., *cum laude*, 2011)

## Professional Associations

- Bar Association of Baltimore City
- Maryland State Bar Association

## Professional Experience

- Rollins, Smalkin, Richards, & Mackie, LLC – Associate
- Maryland Office of the Public Defender
  - District 1 (Baltimore City) Felony Trial Division – Assistant Public Defender
  - District 8 (Baltimore County) Juvenile and Felony Trial Divisions – Assistant Public Defender
  - District 1 (Baltimore City) Youthful Defendant Unit – Legal Fellow
  - District 6 (Montgomery County) – Law Clerk
- National Juvenile Defender Center – Reentry Fellow, Civil Legal Initiative
- The Honorable Sally D. Adkins, Supreme Court of Maryland – Judicial Intern

## Publications

- Author, “[An Employer’s Step-by-Step Guide to Obtaining a Peace Order on Behalf of an Employee](#),” Goodell DeVries Blog (November 21, 2024); Republished in *The Defense Line* (Winter 2025)