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Marianne DePaulo Plant is a partner with Goodell DeVries and Chair of the firm's Medical Malpractice Group. She concentrates her practice on the representation of individual and institutional healthcare providers. She has successfully represented these clients in medical malpractice and other claims throughout Maryland's judicial system. Marianne handles complex litigation in all its phases including investigation, depositions, motions practice, alternative dispute resolution, and trial. She has prevailed in numerous dispositive motions, has taken and defended hundreds of depositions, and has repeatedly tried medical malpractice cases to defense verdicts. In addition, Marianne has briefed and argued appeals before the Appellate Court of Maryland and the Supreme Court of Maryland.

Marianne also provides health law advice to hospitals, major health systems, and other healthcare providers on issues including surrogate medical decision-making and guardianship, civil rights of persons with disabilities, organ donation, custody and use of tissue and pathologic specimens, peer review and credentialing issues, and HIPAA and other confidentiality issues.

Marianne regularly makes presentations to clients and other attorneys on social media in litigation, disclosing and apologizing for medical mistakes, medical documentation errors, end-of-life medical decision-making, malpractice issues in obstetrics, settlements with minors, expert witness qualifications, and Maryland tort reform.

Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice
- Medical Institutions Law
- Appellate

Court Admissions

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

Education

- University of Maryland, School of Law (J.D., 1998)
- Haverford College (B.A., 1995)

Professional Associations

- American Board of Trial Advocates (2018)
- American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM)
- Maryland-D.C. Society for Healthcare Risk Management (MD-DC SHRM) – Co-chair, Legislative Committee (2014 and 2015); Secretary (2016); Co-chair, Bylaws Committee (2017); Director-at-Large (2018-2019)
- Maryland State Bar Association – Committee on Law Reform (2011-2015)
- Bar Association of Baltimore City
- Baltimore County Bar Association
- Wednesday Law Club – Secretary/Treasurer (2016-2018); Vice President (2018-2020); President (2021)

Professional Experience

- Goodell DeVries – Partner (2008-Present)
- Goodell DeVries – Associate (2004-2007)
- Morgan Shelsby Carlo Downs & Everton, P.A. – Associate (1999-2004)
- The Honorable J. Norris Byrnes, Circuit Court for Baltimore County – Judicial Law Clerk (1998-1999)

Representative Matters

- *Cushman v. Defendant Hospital, et al.*, Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Plaintiffs alleged multiple physicians and other healthcare providers negligently managed a patient's Coumadin, allowing supratherapeutic INR levels to cause hemorrhagic stroke and permanent brain damage. Judgment at the close of Plaintiffs' case granted for client. (September 2017)
- *Townsend v. Defendant Hospital*, Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Plaintiff alleged hospital negligence caused a fall, hip fracture, necessitated surgery and worsened dementia. Summary judgment for client. (February 2016)
- *Bailey v. Defendant Surgeon, et al.*, Circuit Court for Wicomico County. Plaintiff alleged spinal cord damage due

to improper technique in an anterior cervical decompression and fusion. Jury verdict for defense. (November 2014)

- *Hoffmaster v. Defendant Hospital, et al.*, Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Plaintiff alleged a surgical instrument fractured during spine surgery, necessitating open heart surgery to remove the embolized fragment. Summary judgment for client. (July 2014)
- *Feigh v. Defendant OB/GYNs, et al.*, Circuit Court for Baltimore County. Plaintiff alleged failure to timely consult a surgeon for treatment of Ogilvie's Syndrome. After jury trial, motion for judgment n.o.v. granted in favor of clients. (February 2013)
- *Gettis v. Defendant Hospital, et al.*, Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Plaintiff alleged assault, defamation, negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress for precluding her from hospital visitation. Motion to dismiss granted for client. (August 2012)
- *Marcantonio v. Defendant OB/GYN, et al.*, Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Plaintiffs alleged failure to diagnose endometrial cancer, and claimed wrongful death. Jury verdict for defense. (October 2010)
- *Joy v. Defendant OB/GYN, et al.*, Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Plaintiffs alleged improper surgical technique during hysterectomy. Jury verdict for defense. (July 2010)
- *Barbely v. Defendant Surgeon, et al.*, Circuit Court for Wicomico County. Plaintiffs alleged mismanagement in the course of patient's breast reconstruction surgeries. Jury verdict for defense. (May 2010)
- *Carroll v. Defendant Hospital, et al.*, Circuit Court for Harford County. Plaintiffs alleged failure to diagnose spinal fracture caused permanent paralysis. Summary judgment for client. (October 2009)
- *Hayes v. Defendant OB/GYNs, et al.*, Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Plaintiff alleged failure to diagnose MRSA mastitis. Jury verdict for defense. (July 2007)
- *Sipes-Sellers v. Defendant OB/GYN, et al.*, Circuit Court for Washington County. Plaintiff alleged failure to diagnose cancer. Summary judgment for client. (January 2007)
- *Crossley v. Defendant Geriatrician, et al.*, Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Plaintiffs claimed wrongful death resulted from alleged medication mismanagement and failure to diagnose infection. Jury verdict for defense. (March 2006)
- *Tartaglia v. Defendant Surgeon*, District Court for Frederick County. Plaintiff alleged negligent technique in reduction mammoplasty. Judgment for defense at the close of plaintiff's case. (September 2005)
- *Lewis v. Defendant Hospital, et al.*, Circuit Court for Harford County. Plaintiff alleged failure to diagnose and treat post-

operative hemorrhage. Jury verdict for defense. (February 2004)

- *Melton v. Defendant Pathologist, et al.*, Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Plaintiffs claimed wrongful death resulted from alleged failure to diagnose lung cancer. Jury verdict for defense. (December 2003)

Publications

- "Sorry, Not Sorry": Tension between Transparency and Liability? - Presentation at ASHRM Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. Presented with Kimberly J. Bailey and Deborah C. Parraz, (September 2016)
- Litigation Strategies: Taming the Reptile - Presentation at Maryland - DC SHRM Educational Meeting, Lightning Rounds, (June 2016)
- Deposition Primer - Presentation and Mock Deposition for Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center Perioperative Nurses. Presented with Lucas W. B. Chrencik, (May 2016)
- Doctors in Deposition - Presentation at Grand Rounds, Johns Hopkins Department of Plastic Surgery. Presented with Erin C. Miller, (October 2015)
- Electronic Medical Record: the Promise, the Perils and the Pitfalls - Presentation at Ascension Risk Services FY15 Symposium in St. Louis, Missouri. Presented with Craig B. Merkle, (April 2015)
- Electronic Medical Record: the Promise, the Perils and the Pitfalls - Presentation at ASHRM Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. Presented with Craig B. Merkle, (October 2014)
- Social Media in Litigation - Presentation at the Litigation Counsel meeting for Ascension Health in St. Louis, Missouri. Presented with Craig B. Merkle, (April 2013)
- Social Media in Litigation - Presentation for MCIC Vermont, Inc. Shareholders in New York, New York and via webcast. Presented with Meghan Hatfield Yanacek, (January 2013)
- Organ Transplantation: Miracles and Mistakes - Presentation for the Wednesday Law Club, (January 2013)
- Social Media in Litigation - Presentation at National Summit of Trial Counsel for The Doctors Company in Napa, California. Presented with Craig B. Merkle, (July 2011)
- Investigation in Litigation - Presentation at Annual Meeting of Panel Counsel for Johns Hopkins Health System. Presented with Meghan Hatfield Yanacek, (September 2010)
- Closing Arguments - Presentations for Risk Management and Invited Health Care Providers of Franklin Square Hospital Center. Presented with K. Nichole Nesbitt, (September 2009)

- Organ Donation: Who Decides and When? - Presentation for the Living Legacy Foundation of Maryland. Presented with Thomas V. Monahan, Jr., (October 2008)
- Ms. Plant was quoted in The Daily Record, (December 31, 2007), "Missed cancer diagnosis not negligence, rules Maryland Court of Special Appeals." [The Daily Record, PDF](#)
- Defending with Your Records - Mock Trial Presentation for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Harbor Hospital. Presented with K. Nichole Nesbitt, (July 2007)
- Obstetric Malpractice Issues, an Overview - Presentation for Eastern Regional Office of The Doctors Company in Richmond, Virginia. Presented with Craig B. Merkle, (February 2007)
- House Bill 2 and Emerging Issues in Malpractice Defense - Presentation for Legal Department, The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Presented with Donald L. DeVries, Jr., (January 2006)
- Ms. Plant's legal analysis was cited with approval by the Office of the Maryland Attorney General, Organ Donations - Guardianship, 90 Opinions of the Attorney General 3 (Md. 2005). <http://www.oag.state.md.us>
- Charting in Obstetric Cases - Mock Trial Presentation to Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program of Franklin Square Hospital Center. Presented with Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Kelly Hughes Iverson and K. Nichole Nesbitt, (December 2004)

Community Activities

- The Living Legacy Foundation, Ethics Committee – Member (2012-Present)
- Baltimore Women's Giving Circle – Member
- The Bryn Mawr School Parents Association – Class Parent and Member (2016-2017)
- Baltimore Girls' Schools Leadership Coalition – Mentor (2008-2015)

Honors and Awards

- Best Lawyers in America
 - Health Care Law (2024-2025)
 - Medical Malpractice Law — Defendants (2023-2025)
 - Litigation — Health Care (2021-2025)
- Chambers USA
 - Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense (Maryland), Band 2 (2023-2024), Band 3 (2022)

- Healthcare: Medical Malpractice (Maryland), Recognized Practitioner (2018)
- Maryland Super Lawyers
 - Personal Injury – Medical Malpractice: Defense (2014-2025); Rising Star (2010-2013)
- *The Daily Record*, Maryland's 50 Leading Women, 40 years and Younger (2010)
- AV Preeminent Rated, Martindale-Hubbell (2012-Present)
- Concentration in Health Law, Awarded by the Law and Health Care Program of University of Maryland School of Law (1998)
- Corpus Juris Secundum Award for Scholastic Excellence in Contracts (1995-1996)