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Halle Dimar is a member of the firm's Litigation practice group. She focuses on defending health care providers, including physicians, nurses, dentists, physical therapists, nursing homes and other long-term care providers, as well as pharmacies. She regularly advises clients on HIPAA issues, physician and employee discipline, subpoenas and child abuse prevention programs.

Halle is also a frequent presenter to medical students and medical trainees regarding risk management.

BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Halle was a principal at another St. Louis law firm for 18 years.

EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2006)
- Wittenberg University (B.A., 2003)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
- Bar Association of St. Louis

ACCOLADES

- Benchmark Litigation Future Star (2023-2025)
- The Power List: Healthcare Attorneys, Missouri Lawyers Media (2021-2024)
- Benchmark 40 & Under Hot List (2018-2021)
- Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers, Rising Stars - Personal Injury Medical Malpractice: Defense, (2011-2021)
- Fifth-Largest Reported Defense Verdict or Judgment, 2016 Missouri Lawyers Awards, Missouri Lawyers Weekly
- Second-Largest Reported Defense Verdict or Judgment, 2011 Missouri Lawyers Awards, Missouri Lawyers Weekly

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Litigation

Medical Malpractice

Health Care and Life Sciences

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern

District of Missouri

EXPERIENCE

Defense Verdict in \$5.2 Million Medical Malpractice Case

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a St. Louis orthopedic surgeon in a medical malpractice case involving an alleged failure to properly diagnose and treat cervical myelopathy, leading to plaintiff requiring a wheelchair. The plaintiff sought \$5.2 million in damages. After 20 minutes of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

Defense Verdict in Favor of Orthopedic Surgeon

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a St. Louis orthopedic surgeon in a medical malpractice case involving an alleged failure to properly diagnose and treat a tibial plateau stress fracture. The plaintiff sought \$500,000 in damages. After an hour of deliberations, the jury returned a defense verdict.

Defense Verdict in \$2.5 Million Medical Malpractice Case

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a St. Louis hospital in a medical malpractice case involving a man in his 50s who developed respiratory failure in the Hospital following a cardiac catheterization for atrial fibrillation. The plaintiff sought \$2.5 million in damages. After two hours of deliberations, the jury returned a defense verdict.

Defense Verdict in Wrongful Death Case

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a radiologist and his practice group in a wrongful death case involving an alleged misread of a CT scan and alleged failure to diagnose mesenteric ischemia. The plaintiff sought \$1.5 million in damages. After an hour of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

Defense Verdict in \$3.5 Million Medical Malpractice Case

Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a medical center in a medical malpractice case involving an alleged failure to properly perform an epidural injection, leading to an alleged diagnosis of arachnoiditis. The plaintiff sought \$3.5 million in damages. After two hours of deliberations, the jury returned a defense verdict.

Defense Verdict in Dental Malpractice Case

Obtained a defense verdict in a dental malpractice case involving a lingual nerve injury and the alleged failure to refer the patient for a nerve repair surgery. The plaintiff sought \$800,000 in damages. After an hour of deliberations, the jury returned a defense verdict.

Defense Verdict for Doctor in \$1 Million-Plus Dispute

Received a defense verdict in a case in which the plaintiff alleged the defendant doctor had failed to recognize and treat a knee infection following an arthroscopic knee surgery. Plaintiffs asked for more than \$1 million in damages, and after two hours of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

Defense Verdict in \$5.5 Million Medical Malpractice Case

Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case involving a bowel perforation following a vaginal hysterectomy. The plaintiff sought \$5.5 million in damages. After two hours of deliberations, the jury returned a defense verdict.

Unanimous Defense Verdict in Wrongful Death Case

Obtained a unanimous defense verdict in a wrongful death/medical malpractice case

involving the diagnosis and management of a bowel perforation following a vaginal hysterectomy. After an hour of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

Unanimous Defense Verdict for Doctor in \$3.5 Million Case

Received a unanimous defense verdict in a case in which the plaintiff alleged the defendant doctor had failed to place the plaintiff on DVT prophylaxis, although the hospital's own risk assessment forms placed the plaintiff at a "very high risk" for developing blood clots. The plaintiff sought more than \$3.5 million in economic damages and a non-specified amount of non-economic damages.

Jury Defense Verdict in Medical Malpractice Trial

Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case involving a ureter injury following a vaginal hysterectomy and the post-operative recognition and treatment of that injury. After 30 minutes of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

Defense Verdict for Hospital in \$5 Million Dispute

Secured a defense verdict in a case where the plaintiff was admitted to hospital with abdominal pain. After initial improvements, the plaintiff declined and was discovered to have a dead bowel. Plaintiffs filed suit in excess of \$5 million claiming the defendants failed to diagnose his condition and that the dead bowel was a result of a blood clot.

Unanimous Jury Verdict for Defense in Hospital Fall Case

Obtained a defense verdict in a wrongful case where plaintiff alleges that proper fall precautions were not put in place for an Alzheimer's patient who was admitted to the hospital and suffered a fall, leading to a femur fracture. After 30 minutes of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

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Not So "Minor" Losses: Pecuniary Losses Under Section 537.090 in Cases Involving Minors

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