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Ms. Vaporean is a principal in the firm's St. Louis office, practicing in the areas of health care provider liability defense and employment practices defense. Her experience in the defense of health care providers ranges from obstetrics malpractice cases to nursing home care. Ms. Vaporean also represents employers at all stages of employment matters, from pre-incident policy preparation to the investigation and defense of charges filed with administrative agencies to the litigation phase, including trial if necessary. She has spoken at several professional seminars on medical and nursing liability matters and has authored many publications on issues affecting both health care providers and employers.

Ms. Vaporean serves as chair of the firm's hiring committee, and also serves on the diversity and personnel committees. She is one of the founders of the Brown & James' Fifth Friday Women's Initiative to increase retention and promotion of women in the firm.

Favorable Jury Verdicts

EEOC v. Audrain Health Care, Inc. (April 2016)

Morgan v. Plaza Motor Co. (January 2016)

Chariton Valley Services Corp. v. Mannon (May 2015)

Strahan v. Rottnek (February 2015)

Carlson p/r Harris v. Saint Louis University (November 2014)

Mitchell v. Kardesch (February, 2008)

Ni v. Washington University and Garcia (October/November, 2007)

Klos v. Koenig (August, 2006)

Blank v. PRORehab (April, 2006)

Leslie v. Chehval (retrial, February, 2006)

Buscher v. Mattaline (May, 2005)

Leslie v. Chehval (March/April, 2004)

Community Activities

BWORKS, Board of Directors

Practice Areas

Employment Law

Health Care Liability

More About Chris

Education & Bar Admissions

Education

- Saint Louis University (J.D., 1998)
- Saint Louis University (M.A., Public Administration, 1998)
- Saint Louis University (B.A., magna cum laude, 1994)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri

Recent Achievements

- Super Lawyers - Personal Injury Medical Malpractice: Defense, Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers (2013-2019)
- Rising Stars - Personal Injury Defense: Medical Malpractice, Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers (2008, 2010-2012)

Professional Affiliations

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
- Women Lawyers' of Greater St. Louis

Publications

- Medical Malpractice From A-Z: "Ethical Traps to Avoid" and "Dealing with Medical Liens with Settlement - Medicare, Medicaid and ERISA" (2011)
- "Missouri Supreme Court Issues Opinion on Constitutionality of MedMal Caps," The Firm Inquiry, (Spring 2010)
- "Medicare and Medicaid Liens - An Overview and Update for Defense Counsel, Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers Newsletter," (Spring 2009)
- "Medicare Liens - An Overview and Update for Defense Counsel, Current Issues in Medical Liability and Health Care Law," Defense Research Institute (Fall 2009)
- "Theories of Hospital Liability After Tort Reform: Negligent Credentialing," The Firm Inquiry (Summer 2008)

Speaking

- "Finding the Rainbow Atop a New Volcano: Best Practices in the Developing Legal Landscape of Managing LGBT Employees," ALFA International 2017 Labor and Employment Seminar (July 2017)
- "Defending the Plaintiff's Blackboard of Special Damages," Brown & James Law Symposium (January 2016)
- "Medicare Reporting - Are you complying?" Brown & James Law Symposium (January 2013)
- Medical Malpractice From A-Z: "Ethical Traps to Avoid" and "Dealing with Medical Liens with Settlement - Medicare, Medicaid and ERISA" (2011)
- St. Louis Association of Healthcare Risk Managers - Legal Bases for the Use and Arrangement of Set Aside Trusts in Resolving Claims Involving Medicare Beneficiaries. The presentation covered both the application of and legal bases for the use of Set Aside Trusts in non-work comp liability cases involving Medicare claimants as well as an update to Section 111 reporting requirements (2010).
- The Simon Law Firm Seminar to Benefit Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc. - Current Issues in Medicare and Medicaid (2009).
- The Missouri Bar, Hospital Liability, Thinking Outside the Box (2008).
- National Business Institutes, Avoiding Medical Malpractice: Preventing and Defending Accusations, Section Author for Documentation and Communication Among Members of the Care Team and the Process of Informed Consent (2008).
- National Business Institutes, Getting the Results You Want: Successful Missouri Medical Malpractice, Section Author for Trial Tips and Techniques for Trying the Medical Malpractice Case (Prosecution and Defense Perspectives) (2005).
- St. Louis Chapter of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Nurses, Nursing Malpractice Law (2003).