

# Betsy Ballek

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## SENIOR COUNSEL

### Overview

In the medical profession law suits are an unfortunate reality. After 20 years in the medical field Betsy decided that well-meaning medical professionals needed someone on their side who understood both medicine and the law. Her nursing experience includes adult medical/surgical and medical/cardiac intensive care. She completed drug research, specifically with the HIV population. As a hospital administrator Betsy gained experience with risk reduction, systems analysis and claims management.

She now defends doctors, nurses and pharmacists against issues such as professional negligence and premise liability. She represents clients in all types of health care settings, including hospitals, long term care facilities, hospice and home health care.

### Experience

Successful Defense of a Hospital in Premises Liability Case

Defended Staff at a Long Term Care Facility

Represented an On-call Physician Accused of Failing to Diagnose a Cardiac Condition

Represented a Hospital System Alleged of Negligently Administering a Tube Feeding to which the Patient was Known to be Allergic

Defended a Hospital and a Nurse in a Medical Negligence Case

Defended a School Nurse Accused of Failure to Provide Care

### SERVICES

Health Care

### EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago,  
School of Law, J.D., 2013

Health Law Certificate, 2013

Saint Mary's College, Notre  
Dame, B.S.N., 1985

### ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Obtained Dismissal and Compelled Arbitration for Nursing Home Consultant and Facility Operator

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### Membership & Involvement

- Member: Chicagoland Health Care Risk Managers (CHRMS); Illinois Society of Healthcare Risk Management; The Paralegal Studies Advisory Council, the College of DuPage; Cook County Bar Association; DuPage County Bar Association

### Honors

- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Selected to *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*<sup>®</sup> in America in Health Care Law: 2021

### Firm News

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, January 25, 2024

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 23, 2023

29 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

January 28, 2022

26 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

January 29, 2021

25 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*© 2021

Firm News, August 20, 2020

23 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

January 29, 2020

Amundsen Davis Promotes Five Attorneys to Partner

February 26, 2019

## Alerts

Patience Required: New Federal Court Opinion on the Application of COVID-19 Immunities

Hospitals Successfully Assert Peer Review Privileges Under Two Different Statutes

## Speaking Engagements

Litigation Trends and Updates in the Nursing Home, Memory Care and Assisted Living Facilities

Speaking Engagement, LeadingAge General Counsel Conference, Seminar; Skokie, IL, September 21, 2023

COVID-19 in Skilled Care and Assisted Living: What You Must Do Now to Manage Risk and Impact

Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, May 15, 2020

Nurse Analysis Legal Review

Pediatric Priorities Conference; Joliet, IL, January 25, 2019

Career Presentation - Paralegal Program

College of DuPage, 2018

Documentation and Litigation in Home Health

Client Presentation, 2018

Informed Consent and Minors

Client Presentation, 2018

Informed Consent & 4th Amendment Rights

National Association of Hispanic Nurses Meeting; Maywood, IL, November 16, 2017

Informed Consent

Chicago, IL, March 2017

Issues in Informed Consent

Client Presentation, 2017

Infectious Diseases in the Workplace

Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webinar, March 15, 2016

Legal Issues in Nursing

Client Presentation, 2015

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