



Daniel J. Ferhat

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Services and Industries

- Healthcare Litigation

Education

Widener University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2002

Kutztown University, B.S., 1998

Admissions

Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Daniel J. Ferhat is a highly experienced trial attorney in the firm's [Healthcare Litigation](#) group, defending healthcare providers and professionals in complex medical malpractice cases and other liability matters. Dan works with hospitals, healthcare systems, doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals not just in trial cases, but also in appellate cases in federal and state courts.

His extensive experience in court at his former firm, White and Williams in Philadelphia, includes successfully

defending clients in malpractice cases involving infant deaths, brain damage, wrongful death and multiple other intricate medical issues. Dan's extensive knowledge and experience with complex medical cases, including the innovative technology he uses during his trials to make complicated cases look simple to jurors, helps him stand out among his peers as a go-to attorney for some of the most complex medical malpractice cases in the Philadelphia area. He also works with healthcare industry clients and in-house counsel as a trusted advisor on preventative measures such as peer review and patient safety, to prevent catastrophic lawsuits before they happen.

A prolific speaker and writer, Dan has written for various news sources and presented at industry group webinars and seminars. He's been named to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list several times, is a fellow at the Academy of Trial Advocacy, and received the President's Award at the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel for serving as the organization's president in 2020. In 2020, the Defense Research Institute based in Chicago recognized the association as "the most outstanding local bar group in the United States." The institute also awarded him with its "Exceptional Performance Award" in 2021.

Recognitions

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, 2010 and 2014-2015
- Academy of Trial Advocacy, fellow
- The Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel, President's Award, 2021
- Defense Research Institute, Exceptional Performance Award, 2021

Speaking Engagements

- "MEDx Talks 2022," Liberty View at Independence Visitor Center (September 15, 2022)
- "Open Court: Return of In-Person Jury Trials in Philadelphia and Resolving Cases During COVID-19," (April 22, 2021)
- "Peer Review & Patient Safety Protections: The Impact of Recent Court Decisions and Preservation Strategies," Philadelphia Area Society of Healthcare Risk Management," (November 16, 2020)
- "What Obama's Precision Medicine Initiative May Mean for Health Information Managers and Professionals," Lorman Education Services (March 29, 2017)
- "Managing Cybersecurity in the Healthcare Industry: Best Practices Every Healthcare Organization Needs to Know," The Knowledge Group (May 3, 2016)
- "Jury Research," The Legal Intelligencer's "Litigation Summit" Seminar (September 10, 2015)
- "Healthcare and Data Breaches - Vulnerability and Consequences," Healthcare Summit (May 7, 2015)

Professional Affiliations

- Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel
- Philadelphia Bar Association
 - Medical-Legal Committee, State Civil Litigation Section, co-chair
 - Investigator, Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention
- Academy of Trial Advocacy, Fellow

Media Mentions

- [What Venue Fights Look Like Post-Pennsylvania's Med Mal Rule Change](#), Legal Intelligencer. (October 1, 2024)
- ['Keeping Cases Moving Forward' Is Top Priority for Phila. Defense Bar's New President](#), Legal Intelligencer. (Sept. 4, 2020)