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Crystal “Cris” Bombard-Cutright can tell you a lot about an elbow replacement, deep brain stimulation, geriatric issues, and a variety of other medical issues and surgical procedures. As a litigator who focuses on matters related to healthcare, Cris thrives on connecting the law with the medicine and dives in, becoming a student of the subject and tapping into her natural curiosity in order to learn everything she can to defend her client. Cris works hand in hand with medical experts to develop a defense strategy to help the client choose the most effective route to matter resolution.

Many times, Cris and her colleagues are an extension of in-house legal and risk management teams. In an effort to mitigate risk for her clients, Cris works closely with in-house teams, counseling them on best practices, corrective courses of action, and to help them see risk where they may have a blind spot.

Cris is also called in to handle matters involving injury or fatality in the commercial trucking and transportation industries. This highly regulated industry is governed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Cris advises clients on what to do in case of an accident in order to comply with the ever changing and complex regulations.

Within in the law firm, Cris is active in efforts to train and empower paralegals, with a goal of more effective client service.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Successfully defended surgeon at jury trial for malpractice claim involving joint replacement

Defended commercial trucking companies in litigation involving fatalities

Obtained summary judgment for widow of business owner in partnership dispute

Negotiated settlements for nursing homes and assisted living facilities in personal injury claims

Sought enforcement of arbitration agreement between long term care facilities and patients

Represented physicians and medical practices in medical malpractice litigation

Represented long-term care and assisted living facilities in wrongful death and resident care litigation in West Virginia state courts and federal court

Drafted briefs for the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

WORK EXPERIENCE

2014 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
2011-2014 Bailey & Glasser, LLP
2010-2011 Summer Associate, Bailey & Glasser, LLP
2009-2010 Summer Associate, Gianola, Barnum, Wigal & London, L.C.
2007-2008 Human Resource Assistant, Keylogic Systems, Inc.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Has the CMS Done an About Face as it Relates to Arbitration?
What is The Statute of Limitations on Medical Malpractice Actions in West Virginia?

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

West Virginia State Bar
Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia
Phi Beta Kappa, Member
Order of the Coif
Undergraduate summa cum laude, West Virginia University