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About Jill

With experience as both a public defender and a trial attorney, Jill defends medical providers such as physicians, nurses, dentists, and chiropractors, as well as physician groups and hospitals, in complex legal issues ranging from Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) investigations to large-scale wrongful death and catastrophic loss actions.

In state and federal courts, Jill represents corporate and individual insureds in medical malpractice defense claims, professional negligence, products, premise, and general liability, and personal injury matters. She also represents clients in the construction and security setting as part of her general liability and personal injury practice.

Jill's Affiliations

- Chicago Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Health & Hospital Law Committee, Co-Chair, 2018
- Chicago Healthcare Risk Management Society
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Illinois Defense Counsel (IDC), Board of Directors, 2023 – 2025, reappointed for 2025 – 2028; Medical Malpractice/Healthcare Committee, Vice-Chair, 2023 – present
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Wisconsin State Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Healthcare

Services: Complex Tort & General Casualty

Experience

- Successfully achieved the dismissal with prejudice of a malpractice lawsuit against a dentist and their dental practice on the eve of jury selection and opening statements. Despite an attempt by the plaintiff to settle pretrial, the defense team's readiness to proceed to trial led to the patient voluntarily withdrawing the lawsuit altogether on the morning of the trial following aggressive pretrial motion practice, ending the lawsuit permanently.
- Obtained[DM1] a defense verdict for two nephrologists in a wrongful death/medical negligence case after a two-week trial after the co-defendant hospital settled out. Plaintiff asked for \$2.25 million, and the jury returned a defense verdict as to both doctors in under 10 minutes.
- Obtained a not-guilty verdict following a bench trial. Hinshaw represented a US Army Veteran employee of EMT business client who was charged with criminal violations of conceal and carry gun charges.
- Obtained a dismissal with prejudice after plaintiff untimely filed his chiropractic malpractice case in violation of the applicable statute of limitations.

Credentials

Education

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (formerly The John Marshall Law School), JD, 2008

University of Illinois at Chicago, BA, 2001

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Wisconsin

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Interests

Did you know...

Outside the office, Jill spends her time with her husband, her dog, and friends.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Moderator, “Jury Questions: Rule 243, Questions from the Jury, and Special Interrogatories,” Developments Critical to Medical Malpractice Litigation – Hybrid Seminar, Illinois Defense Counsel, Chicago, Illinois, August 15, 2024

Event

- Joshua Vincent and Jill Eckhaus to Present and Moderate at the Illinois Defense Counsel’s Developments Critical to Medical Malpractice Litigation – Hybrid Seminar, Aug 15, 2024

Press Releases

- Jill Eckhaus Re-Elected to a Three-Year Term on the Illinois Defense Counsel Board of Directors, Jun 30, 2025
- Appellate Spotlight: Hinshaw Secures Appellate Victory in Chiropractic Negligence Lawsuit, May 12, 2025
- Jill Eckhaus and Hillary Weigle Re-appointed to Illinois Defense Counsel Committee Leadership Roles, Jul 24, 2024
- Hinshaw Secures Dismissal of Dental Malpractice Case on the Eve of Trial Selection, May 20, 2024
- Jill Eckhaus Appointed to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Defense Counsel, Oct 10, 2023

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