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Named "Lawyer of
the Year" by
Minnesota Lawyer



Cecilie Loidolt serves as national counsel across the country in high-exposure medical malpractice cases. She has taken over 60 cases to jury verdict. Cecilie has substantial

experience representing medical providers in claims of birth injury and birth trauma, and other cases seeking high verdict awards. Minnesota Super Lawyers featured Cecilie with the article, "The Gunslinger, The Bulldog or The Pit Bull: Call her what you want – Cecilie Loidolt just wins." She also has been named Lawyer of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer.

Cecilie has won high-profile trials, including a first-of-its-kind opioid addiction case for a pain specialist. Her recent victories include winning a defense verdict for a doctor in a \$40 million stroke case and a defense verdict for an anesthesia team in a paralysis case involving spinal surgery.

The military is important to Cecilie and her family. Her husband, Neal, served in the military for over 34 years and was deployed twice to Iraq. During deployments, Cecilie continued to try cases. Their son, Sam, also serves his country and was deployed to Romania. Their family mantra is "we will make it work." Cecilie received the 2019 Superior Volunteer Service Award, the highest National Guard award to a civilian.

Credentials

Education

Hamline University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1992; Merit Scholarship, Silver Gavel Honor Society

University of Minnesota, B.S., 1985

RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers in America

Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, 2012-2027

Minnesota Super Lawyers - more than 20 consecutive years

Lawyer of the Year from Minnesota Lawyer

2012

AV Preeminent rating Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS

Litigation Counsel of America (LCA)

President

Senior Fellow

J. Ric Gass Trial Presentation Award, Inaugural recipient, 2022

Distinctions: Order of Centurions, Barrister; Order of Certus, Advocate

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Not admitted in Colorado

Minnesota

Wisconsin

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

North Dakota

U.S. District Court, D. Minnesota

U.S. District Court, D. North Dakota

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Superior Volunteer Service Award from the National Guard, 2019

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, "Anchoring: Fighting Back," Healthcare Services Group (HSG) Claims Conference.

Presenter, "Anchoring in Trial Presentation," The Doctors Company Seminar Series.

Presenter, "Counter-Anchoring Early and Often," Medical Professional Liability Claims Defense Forum.

Presenter, "Anchoring Early and Often in the Life of a Lawsuit," The Doctors Company, Claims Education Training Webinar.

Presenter, "Refocusing Jury Selection: Looking Beyond Demographics," MCIC Shared Learning Conference.

Presenter, "Anchoring Damages from the Defense Side," MPLA Claims and Risk Management/Patient Safety Workshop.

Presenter, "AEIX Webinar Live Event: The Art of Visual Persuasion: How Trial Lawyers are Using AV Resources to Enhance their Evidence and Win Over Juries."

Presenter, "Jury Selection: Has Anything Changed?" Litigation Counsel of America, Fall Conference.

Presenter, "Nuclear Verdicts and the Reptile," COPIC Claims Leadership Conference.

Practices

Healthcare Litigation

Representative Cases

Won a defense verdict in a medical malpractice jury trial alleging a medication for kidney stones caused a severe skin reaction, Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, resulting in catastrophic injuries and damages.

Won a jury defense verdict in a \$15 million case for an emergency room doctor accused of failing to diagnose stroke.

Won a jury defense verdict in a case where the plaintiffs claimed a family medicine physician failed to diagnose and treat hypertensive emergency, failed to hospitalize the 39-year-old male patient, and failed to prevent hemorrhagic stroke the next day. Plaintiffs' counsel requested a verdict in excess of \$40 million. The jury returned a verdict for the defense in 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Won a jury defense verdict in a case where the plaintiff alleged a pain specialist was negligent for the over-prescription of opioid medications leading to addiction over the course of 23 years. The defendant was located in Hong Kong during the trial due to Covid. He attended the trial and testified via video.

Won a jury defense verdict in a case where the plaintiff alleged that the anesthesia team was negligent for failure to evaluate limited neck extension and for negligent intubation during low back surgery, resulting in massive C5-C6 disc herniation and paralysis from the neck down.

Won a jury defense verdict for an obstetrician in a case where the plaintiff claimed negligent application of excessive downward traction during shoulder dystocia delivery, resulting in permanent brachial plexus palsy.

Won a jury defense verdict for a family medicine physician in a wrongful death of infant case. The plaintiff claimed the medical team failed to diagnose diabetic ketoacidosis of mother, resulting in the death of 27-week-old infant.

Won a jury defense verdict for a plastic surgeon in a case where the plaintiff claimed delay in diagnosis of cancer, resulting in stage IV breast cancer and reduced chance of survival.

Won a jury defense verdict representing a dermatopathologist in a wrongful death case where the plaintiff alleged failure to diagnose melanoma.

Won a jury defense verdict for four obstetricians on a claim of failure to properly treat preterm premature rupture of membranes, resulting in infection, neonatal encephalopathy, and cerebral palsy.

Won a jury defense verdict for two obstetricians in a case where the plaintiff alleged failure to properly treat severe preeclampsia, resulting in maternal stroke.

Won a jury defense verdict in a birth injury case against a family practice provider, in which plaintiffs claimed failure to deliver the infant by c-section earlier caused neonatal encephalopathy and cerebral palsy.
