



Laraine Kelley

Laraine Kelley has considerable experience in personal injury litigation, with a focus on medical malpractice and product liability law. Peers, opposing counsel, and members of the judiciary recognize Ms. Kelley as one of the nation's preeminent medical malpractice attorneys.

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Ms. Kelley provides answers for victims of medical malpractice who seek to understand: what went wrong; who is at fault; and how the negligent may be held accountable.

Over the course of her career, Ms. Kelley has obtained over \$100 million in jury verdicts and settlements for clients who were injured in a wide spectrum of catastrophic personal injury and medical malpractice matters, including:

- birth injury
- construction accidents
- emergency room error
- nursing home negligence
- cancer misdiagnosis
- defective products
- medication error
- optometry error
- cerebral palsy
- delayed diagnosis
- nurse error
- surgery error

As a result of decades of experience litigating complex medical malpractice matters, Ms. Kelley has a mastery of medical knowledge that rivals healthcare professionals. Ms. Kelley's legal skill, medical knowledge, and investment of resources, levels the playing field for clients who are battling medical professionals, large institutions, and insurance companies.

Results

Ms. Kelley has counseled and represented thousands of individuals and families. The following are examples of results she has obtained behalf of catastrophically injured plaintiffs:

- \$10,000,000 for a birth injury that resulted in cerebral palsy
- \$9,000,000 for brain injuries caused by a delayed cesarean section
- \$8,800,000 for a severe injury caused by a defective post-hole digger
- \$4,500,000 for improper handling of an allergic reaction by ambulance paramedics
- \$3,000,000 for the death of a man due to medical malpractice
- \$2,450,000 for a misdiagnosis of eye disease resulting in loss of vision
- \$2,300,000 for mishandling of an endotracheal tube resulting in cardiac arrest
- \$2,000,000 for the loss of a limb due to the delayed diagnosis of an infection
- \$1,900,000 for liver damage sustained due to the lack of monitoring of a prescription drug
- \$1,800,000 for damages resulting from a workplace fall
- \$1,500,000 for delayed diagnosis of cancer
- \$1,500,000 for surgery error leading to permanent injury
- \$1,450,000 for delayed diagnosis of an infection following cardiac surgery
- \$1,000,000 for delayed diagnosis of melanoma
- \$1,000,000 for delayed diagnosis of pneumonia and need for emergency surgery
- \$1,000,000 for misdiagnosis of an abdominal aneurism as a hernia
- \$1,000,000 for failure to recognize deep vein thrombosis
- \$900,000 for delay in corrective surgery following complications of a hysterectomy
- \$750,000 for delayed diagnosis of breast cancer
- \$500,000 for a delayed emergency room diagnosis of a heart condition
- \$450,000 for misdiagnosis of kidney cancer and delay in treatment
- \$450,000 for a nursing error resulting in overdosing of insulin in diabetic patient



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Awards and Recognitions

- **The Best Lawyers in America:** Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* from 2003 to 2022; recognized for Medical Malpractice Law-Plaintiffs, Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs, and Product Liability Litigation-Plaintiffs
- **Super Lawyers:** Ranked as one of the Top 25 female attorneys named to Super Lawyers, Upstate NY from 2007 to 2021; no more than 5 percent of attorneys in any state are named to Super Lawyers.
- **AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell:** The highest peer rating standard. This rating signifies that a large number of the lawyer's peers rank her at the highest level of professional excellence for legal knowledge, communication skills & ethical standards.
- **2019 Medical Malpractice Law-Plaintiffs Lawyer of the Year:** Named Best Lawyers in America's 2019 Buffalo Medical Malpractice Law-Plaintiffs "Lawyer of the Year"
- **2018 Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs Lawyer of the Year:** Named Best Lawyers in America's 2018 Buffalo Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs "Lawyer of the Year"
- **2017 Medical Malpractice Law-Plaintiffs Lawyer of the Year:** Named Best Lawyers in America's 2017 Buffalo Medical Malpractice Law-Plaintiffs "Lawyer of the Year"
- **2014 Product Liability Litigation-Plaintiffs Lawyer of the Year:** Named Best Lawyers in America's 2014 Buffalo Product Liability Litigation-Plaintiffs "Lawyer of the Year"
- **2013 Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs Lawyer of the Year:** Named Best Lawyers in America's 2013 Buffalo Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs "Lawyer of the Year"
- **Women Helping Women Award:** Winner of "Women Helping Women" award presented by the National Organization for Women

Bar and Court Admissions

- State of New York

Education

- State University of New York at Buffalo, J.D., 1979
- University of Virginia, B.A., 1975, Phi Beta Kappa

Professional Activities

- Member, New York State Trial Lawyers Association
- Member, American Trial Lawyers Association
- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Member, Bar Association of Erie County