



## HALLE L. DIMAR

### COUNSEL

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Halle Dimar is a member of the firm's Litigation practice group. She focuses on defending health care providers, including physicians, nurses, dentists, physical therapists, nursing homes and other long-term care providers, as well as pharmacies. She regularly advises clients on HIPAA issues, physician and employee discipline, subpoenas and child abuse prevention programs.

Halle is also a frequent presenter to medical students and medical trainees regarding risk management.

### BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Halle was a principal at another St. Louis law firm for 18 years.

### EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2006)
- Wittenberg University (B.A., 2003)

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
- Bar Association of St. Louis

### ACCOLADES

- Benchmark Litigation Future Star (2023-2025)
- The Power List: Healthcare Attorneys, Missouri Lawyers Media (2021-2024)
- Benchmark 40 & Under Hot List (2018-2021)
- Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers, Rising Stars - Personal Injury Medical Malpractice: Defense, (2011-2021)
- Fifth-Largest Reported Defense Verdict or Judgment, 2016 Missouri Lawyers Awards, Missouri Lawyers Weekly
- Second-Largest Reported Defense Verdict or Judgment, 2011 Missouri Lawyers Awards, Missouri Lawyers Weekly

### SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Litigation

Medical Malpractice

Health Care and Life Sciences

### ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern  
District of Missouri

## EXPERIENCE

### **Defense Verdict in \$5.2 Million Medical Malpractice Case**

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a St. Louis orthopedic surgeon in a medical malpractice case involving an alleged failure to properly diagnose and treat cervical myelopathy, leading to plaintiff requiring a wheelchair. The plaintiff sought \$5.2 million in damages. After 20 minutes of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

### **Defense Verdict in Favor of Orthopedic Surgeon**

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a St. Louis orthopedic surgeon in a medical malpractice case involving an alleged failure to properly diagnose and treat a tibial plateau stress fracture. The plaintiff sought \$500,000 in damages. After an hour of deliberations, the jury returned a defense verdict.

### **Defense Verdict in \$2.5 Million Medical Malpractice Case**

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a St. Louis hospital in a medical malpractice case involving a man in his 50s who developed respiratory failure in the Hospital following a cardiac catheterization for atrial fibrillation. The plaintiff sought \$2.5 million in damages. After two hours of deliberations, the jury returned a defense verdict.

### **Defense Verdict in Wrongful Death Case**

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a radiologist and his practice group in a wrongful death case involving an alleged misread of a CT scan and alleged failure to diagnose mesenteric ischemia. The plaintiff sought \$1.5 million in damages. After an hour of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

### **Defense Verdict in \$3.5 Million Medical Malpractice Case**

Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a medical center in a medical malpractice case involving an alleged failure to properly perform an epidural injection, leading to an alleged diagnosis of arachnoiditis. The plaintiff sought \$3.5 million in damages. After two hours of deliberations, the jury returned a defense verdict.

### **Defense Verdict in Dental Malpractice Case**

Obtained a defense verdict in a dental malpractice case involving a lingual nerve injury and the alleged failure to refer the patient for a nerve repair surgery. The plaintiff sought \$800,000 in damages. After an hour of deliberations, the jury returned a defense verdict.

### **Defense Verdict for Doctor in \$1 Million-Plus Dispute**

Received a defense verdict in a case in which the plaintiff alleged the defendant doctor had failed to recognize and treat a knee infection following an arthroscopic knee surgery. Plaintiffs asked for more than \$1 million in damages, and after two hours of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

### **Defense Verdict in \$5.5 Million Medical Malpractice Case**

Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case involving a bowel perforation following a vaginal hysterectomy. The plaintiff sought \$5.5 million in damages. After two hours of deliberations, the jury returned a defense verdict.

### **Unanimous Defense Verdict in Wrongful Death Case**

Obtained a unanimous defense verdict in a wrongful death/medical malpractice case

involving the diagnosis and management of a bowel perforation following a vaginal hysterectomy. After an hour of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

#### **Unanimous Defense Verdict for Doctor in \$3.5 Million Case**

Received a unanimous defense verdict in a case in which the plaintiff alleged the defendant doctor had failed to place the plaintiff on DVT prophylaxis, although the hospital's own risk assessment forms placed the plaintiff at a "very high risk" for developing blood clots. The plaintiff sought more than \$3.5 million in economic damages and a non-specified amount of non-economic damages.

#### **Jury Defense Verdict in Medical Malpractice Trial**

Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case involving a ureter injury following a vaginal hysterectomy and the post-operative recognition and treatment of that injury. After 30 minutes of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

#### **Defense Verdict for Hospital in \$5 Million Dispute**

Secured a defense verdict in a case where the plaintiff was admitted to hospital with abdominal pain. After initial improvements, the plaintiff declined and was discovered to have a dead bowel. Plaintiffs filed suit in excess of \$5 million claiming the defendants failed to diagnose his condition and that the dead bowel was a result of a blood clot.

#### **Unanimous Jury Verdict for Defense in Hospital Fall Case**

Obtained a defense verdict in a wrongful case where plaintiff alleges that proper fall precautions were not put in place for an Alzheimer's patient who was admitted to the hospital and suffered a fall, leading to a femur fracture. After 30 minutes of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict.

## **THOUGHT LEADERSHIP**

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#### **Not So "Minor" Losses: Pecuniary Losses Under Section 537.090 in Cases Involving Minors**

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