



## UNTRESS QUINN

### PARTNER

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Untress “Trez” Quinn is a seasoned trial lawyer, focusing his practice on representing clients in disciplinary hearings in health care and educational settings, health care internal investigations, and the defense of medical malpractice and other catastrophic loss lawsuits. He has defended multiple complex litigation cases in both state and federal courts involving civil rights, product liability, medical malpractice and wrongful death claims. He has also represented health care clients under investigation by federal and state agencies and in the review of internal policies to conform with best health care practices. Untress’ defense of high stakes litigation matters in both Illinois and Missouri have included matters involving mental health/suicide, neurological, obstetrical, neonatal, pediatric, cardiothoracic, gastroenterological and other traumatic injuries and losses. He also has specific experience defending medical professionals in matters alleging federal Section 1983 violations.

Untress leverages his experience as a registered nurse, along with experience in both direct patient care and health care administration, to skillfully counsel his clients through difficult health care-related matters.

His wide-ranging experience and abilities include representing health care providers in not only litigation matters, but also internal investigations involving:

- Peer Review Hearings
- Licensure denial or revocation
- CMS suspensions or revocations
- Administrative actions
- Investigative demands received from federal and state agencies

Further, Untress is a frequent speaker at industry events across the nation, where he educates his clients and other professionals on various legal topics, and further advocates on their behalf.

### BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Untress spent roughly 15 years in private practice at St. Louis area law firms. In his most recent role, he served as team leader for his prior firm’s Correctional Medicine industry team where he managed and supervised a team attorneys and paralegals.

Untress was a registered nurse for more than 10 years, and has been involved in the

### SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Litigation

Fire and Electrical Liability

Litigation

Medical Malpractice

Mass Tort and Catastrophic Loss

Product Liability

Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Health Care and Life Sciences

Energy and Utilities

Internal Investigations and Regulatory Compliance

### ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Missouri

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

health care industry for over 25 years in total. Untress has extensive experience in both medical and surgical settings, including interventional radiology, ventilator rehabilitation, emergency room and cardiothoracic and neurological intensive care units. In addition to providing direct patient care, he served as a director of medical-surgical services, as well as a supervisor of interventional radiology and health care administrator. Untress also served as an adjunct professor at a local university teaching a class involving the interplay between health care and the law. Untress' extensive medical knowledge and experience are assets he uses in the successful representation of his clients.

Untress was also a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserves for 13 years, where he achieved the rank of first lieutenant and was awarded the Meritorious Service Award. He was an honor graduate at the 3790th Medical Service Squadron for Medical Service Specialists at Sheppard Air Force Base in 1990.

## **EDUCATION**

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2006)
  - Certificate in Health Law
  - Health Law Association
  - Black Law Student Association
- National Louis University (B.S., 2001)
  - Management
  - Dean's List
  - Student Body Representative
- Lutheran Medical Center School of Nursing (R.N., 1994)
  - Salutatorian
  - Dean's List
  - Student Body Representative
  - Alumni Academic Scholarship

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL) (Board Secretary, 2021-2022)
- Illinois Association for Defense Trial Lawyers, Diversity Committee Chair
- St. Clair County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois (Merit Retention Panel, 2012; Magistrate Judge Selection Committee, 2018)
- Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Hearing Board Member)

## **CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

- St. Clair County Child Advocacy Center (Member, Board of Directors)

- Illinois Center for Autism in Fairview Heights, Illinois (Past Member, Board of Directors)
- Student Nurse Achievement Program (SNAP) at Southern Illinois University (Past Member)
- Illinois State Senator James F. Clayborne, Jr., Mentor Program (Past Mentor)
- Office of the Inspector General / Illinois Department of Human Services Quality Care Board (Past Member)

## ACCOLADES

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Health Care Law (2023)
- Distinguished Member Award, Illinois Defense Counsel (2022)
- Savoy Magazine's 2022 Most Influential Black Lawyers
- Selected to The National Black Lawyers Top 100 in 2015
- NAACP's 54th Freedom Fund Awards for Excellence in Law
- Leading Lawyer in the categories of Employment Law: Management; Medical Malpractice Defense Law; Personal Injury Defense Law: General; and Product Liability Defense

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Second Quarter 2022

### **Prejudgment Interest in Illinois: From the Legislative History to the Legal Challenges**

IDC Quarterly, Vol. 32, No. 2

June 2021

### **Making the Business Case for Diversity**

Illinois Defense Counsel Quarterly, Volume 31, Number 2

October 2018

### **Mastering the Art of Cross Examination**

Network of Trial Lawyers In-House Counsel Facing the Music publication

August 2017

### **Defending Against the Reptile**

Network of Trial Lawyers, Litigation in a New York Minute

December 2016

### **What's All the Hoopla About Medical Documentation?**

LinkedIn

Spring 2008

### **The Invisible Child: Disparities in the Mental Health Treatment of the African American Male in the Juvenile Justice System**

Children's Legal Rights Journal, Volume 28, Number 1

## EVENTS

February 21, 2022

**IDC Talks Diversity: African Americans in the Law**

*Illinois Defense Counsel webinar*

December 16, 2021

**IDC Talks Diversity: Women in the Law**

*Illinois Defense Counsel webinar*

June 7, 2021

**What Do We Do Now? Dealing with the Introduction of Prejudgment Interest**

*Illinois Defense Counsel Webinar*

April 13, 2021

**Increase Efficiencies and Recognize More Revenue**

*ALM Media Properties LLC's Legalweek Conference*

October 29, 2020

**Diverse Thoughts on Diversity**

*Illinois Defense Counsel Webinar*

October 1, 2020

**Health Law Association Panel Meeting**

*Saint Louis University School of Law*

November 2019

**Diversity - What Does it Mean? Why Does it Matter?**

*Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel Webinar*

June 2019

**The Inside Scoop: Preparing for Cross Examination as an Expert Witness**

*Infectious Disease Society of St. Louis – Washington University*

October 2018

**From Kind of Blue to Birth of the Cool: How Mastering the Art of Expert Cross Will Turn You into the Miles Davis of Defense Attorneys**

*In-House Counsel Facing the Music Litigation Management CLE Super Course*

August 2018

**Update on Fraud and Abuse Laws and How Healthcare Providers Can Minimize Exposure to Medical Malpractice Claims**

*Touchette Regional Hospital*

July 2018

**Fraud and Abuse Laws, Understanding and Avoiding the Pitfalls**

*Touchette Regional Hospital*

October 2017

**Ten Actions for Physicians to Minimize Medical Malpractice Exposure**

*St. Clair County Medical Society*

August 2017

**Defending Against the Reptile; Litigation in a New York Minute**

*Network of Trial Law Firms*

June 2017

**Preparation and Rethinking Your Personal Strategic Leadership Plan**

*Metro East Youth Leadership Weekend, East St. Louis, Illinois*

June 2013

**Ethics - It's Legal, But is it Right?**

*National Business Institute Seminar "Dirty Litigation Tactics: How to Deal with the 'Rambo' Litigator"*

May 2012

**Ethics - It's Legal, But is it Right?**

*National Business Institute Seminar "Applying the Rules of Evidence: What Every Attorney Needs to Know"*

June 2011

**Writing and Maintaining Government Contracts**

*National Business Institute Seminar "State and Local Government Law: A Look at Hot Topics and Current Issues"*

June 2011

**A Current Look at Police Liability**

*National Business Institute Seminar "State and Local Government Law: A Look at Hot Topics and Current Issues"*

June 2011

**Election Law Basics**

*National Business Institute Seminar "State and Local Government Law: A Look at Hot Topics and Current Issues"*

February 2008

**The Best Defense is a Good Documentation Offense**

*Touchette Regional Hospital*

November 2007

**Where the Future Begins, Striving to Set and Meet Goals**

*Illinois State Senator James F. Clayborne, Jr.'s (D-57th District) Mentor Program, Belleville, Illinois*

July 2006

**Legal Aspects of Medical Documentation**

*Kenneth Hall Regional Hospital*

**NEWS**

August 18, 2022

**130+ Armstrong Teasdale Lawyers Named 2023 Best Lawyers in America®, Ones to Watch**

August 18, 2022

**Limitless: How RN-Turned-Lawyer Trez Quinn Stretches His Skill Set**

May 3, 2022

**Flack, Quinn Named Among 2022 Illinois Leading Lawyers**

February 8, 2022

**Armstrong Teasdale Attorneys Named to Leadership Council on Legal Diversity's 2022 Fellows, Pathfinder Programs**

April 5, 2021

**Flack, Quinn Named Among Illinois' Leading Lawyers<sup>SM</sup>**

April 27, 2020

**Partner Trez Quinn Featured as St. Louis Business Journal "Character"**

March 9, 2020

**Armstrong Teasdale Adds Five Attorneys in Kansas City, Denver, St. Louis**