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Untress “Trez” Quinn is a seasoned trial lawyer, focusing his practice on commercial and tort litigation for clients across industry sectors. He has defended multiple complex, high-stakes litigation cases in both state and federal courts.

He also regularly serves as outside corporate counsel, leveraging the business and operational acumen he gained as an executive in the health care industry. His experience extends to human resources and people management, further supporting his clients’ diverse corporate, transactional and policy needs.

Untress has also represented clients under investigation by federal and state agencies, as it relates to regulatory compliance and in the review of internal policies. This includes experience with investigation demands and remediation, peer review hearings, licensure denial or revocation, and administrative actions.

Untress’ experience also includes representing municipalities in a wide array of areas including government contracts and tax increment financing. He also serves as the Municipal Court Judge for a local municipality.

Based on his extensive past experience as a registered nurse and healthcare executive which encompassed both direct patient care and health care administration, Untress skillfully counsels health care clients through disciplinary hearings, investigations, medical malpractice and other catastrophic loss suits. He also has specific experience defending medical professionals in matters alleging federal Section 1983 violations.

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. Active in firm leadership, he is managing attorney of the firm’s Edwardsville office and serves on the Inclusion Committee.

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 health care industry for over 25 years in total. Untress has extensive experience in both medical and surgical settings, including interventional radiology, ventilator

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Litigation

Outside Corporate Counsel

Complex Commercial

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

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

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellow (2022)
- 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); Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2024-present)
- 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

EXPERIENCE

Favorable Settlement in Multimillion-Dollar Wrongful Death Claim

Obtained a favorable settlement in Jackson County, Missouri, in a wrongful death case seeking punitive damages involving allegations of failure to timely treat bowel perforation.

Defense Verdict in Case Alleging Section 1983 Violations

Secured a defense verdict in a trial involving allegations of violations of Section 1983 in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. The physician allegedly was deliberately indifferent to plaintiff's ACL rupture and meniscus injury to knee.

Favorable Settlement in Multimillion-Dollar Failure to Diagnose Claim

Secured a favorable settlement at trial before jury verdict in St. Clair County, Illinois, in a multimillion-dollar claim involving failure to diagnose an internal hernia.

Complete Dismissal in Wrongful Identification, Emotional Distress Case

Secured complete dismissal of a case involving allegations that defendant clients committed intentional, willful and wanton acts resulting in plaintiff's emotional distress. Plaintiff claimed that the defendants wrongly identified the body of decedent and informed the wrong family that the decedent had been a victim of a homicide.

Defense Verdict in Medical Malpractice Jury Trial

Secured defense verdict in a jury trial in St. Clair County, Illinois, involving an orthopedic surgeon. Plaintiff claimed the physician failed to diagnose a left ankle infection which resulted in a below the knee amputation. Plaintiff sought approximately \$500,000 in damages.

Defense Verdict in \$2 Million Jury Trial

Secured a defense verdict in a jury trial involving a general surgeon in St. Clair County, Illinois. The plaintiff claimed the surgeon violated the standard of care in the performance of an inguinal hernia surgery. The plaintiff claimed he sustained permanent damage as a result of the surgery and sought over \$2 million in damages.

Defense Verdict in Three-Week Jury Trial

Secured a defense verdict in a three-week jury trial in St. Clair County, Illinois. The case involved a family practice physician. Claims included alleged failure to diagnose and treat infective endocarditis. The plaintiff sought more than \$1 million in damages.

Successfully Argued Appellate Case Pertaining to Collective Bargaining Agreement

Successfully briefed and argued an appellate case before the Fifth District of the Illinois Appellate Court involving questions of subject matter jurisdiction in a dispute that arose under a collective bargaining agreement subject to the Illinois State Labor Relations Board.

Defense Verdict in Auto Accident Case

Secured a defense verdict in a jury trial in St. Clair County, Illinois. The liability case took place following an automobile accident in which the plaintiff sought more than \$100,000 in damages.