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Starnes Davis Florie LLP

THE FIRM This firm is well known for having one of the preeminent medical malpractice groups in the state and also maintains a formidable commercial litigation practice. The team also enjoys a fine reputation for securities and banking and finance disputes. It has been particularly active of late defending ProAssurance in several medical-related cases, and is also representing KKR in a lawsuit arising from the leveraged recapitalization of Bruno's.

Sources say: *"The firm is extremely responsible, competent, responsive and knowledgeable. They demonstrated a level of caring beyond what you would expect, which made you feel that you had the best representation possible."*

KEY INDIVIDUALS *"Fine trial lawyer"* [Michael Florie](#) is particularly recognized for his medical malpractice work, but also comes recommended for his strong commercial litigation practice as well. In particular, he works extremely closely with key client ProAssurance.

[Randal Sellers](#) is highly regarded by peers for his vast experience and expertise in medical malpractice cases. In addition, he is routinely sought after to handle complex IP and commercial disputes.

[Jay Ezelle](#) focuses on complex high-risk litigation. He was lead partner in the aforementioned KKR leveraged recapitalization lawsuit. Sources are particularly impressed with his strategic approach to matters.

The highly regarded [Walter Bates](#) is head of the medical malpractice defense team and has an impressive practice covering all healthcare-related disputes. He recently represented ProAssurance in a medical malpractice and wrongful death case against a cardiologist.