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Alison O'Dwyer, a lawyer and registered nurse, focuses her practice on defending hospitals and healthcare professionals in high-exposure medical malpractice claims. Her experience in the medical field enables her to swiftly and accurately analyze medical malpractice claims to determine her litigation strategy.

Alison represents clients – hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, as well as occupational therapists, respiratory therapists, audiologists, optometrists, and other allied healthcare professionals – in the full range of malpractice claims arising across all areas of medical specialty, from failure to diagnose cancer to negligent performance of surgery. In addition, Alison has represented medical professionals in civil litigation and before the Department of Health in matters concerning medication dependency, inappropriate borders, side effects of medications, suicide, and diagnoses of behavior, personality, and mood disorders.

Alison handles complex cases from inception through trial and has successfully obtained dismissals on summary judgment, defeated motions for leave to file a late notice of claim, and negotiated discontinuances. A former delivery room nurse, Alison has been involved in obstetric and gynecological cases, including high-exposure claims alleging failure to timely and appropriately deliver, leading to infant brain damage and other serious injuries. Alison's years of employment as a Registered Nurse in a hospital setting combined with extensive experience in representing a tertiary hospital/trauma center provides her with understanding and insight into the defense of hospital-based medical malpractice claims.

Alison graduated with a J.D. from Pace University School of Law, where she was case note and comment editor for the *Pace Environmental Law Review*. She is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut and is a member of the New York State Bar and the Westchester Women's Bar Association.