



Identifying the Key Players in a Medical Malpractice Lawsuit

Curi Claims Consultant

Your journey begins with a dedicated Curi claims consultant, who will guide you throughout the litigation process. With a diverse background in claims handling and medical malpractice defense, they connect you to the right resources, including defense counsel and the Clinician Peer Consult Program.

Peer Consultant

The Clinician Peer Consult Program offers emotional guidance through experienced peer consultants who understand your challenges. Our peer consultants are clinicians who have personally endured the litigation process or have supported our insureds through the process. They provide a listening ear and direct you to additional resources, helping you navigate the emotional complexities of a lawsuit.

Defense Counsel

Your defense counsel is crucial for your case. Curi partners with experienced medical malpractice defense attorneys nationwide. Your claims consultant will assign a suitable attorney based on case details and your needs, ensuring a strong defense strategy tailored to your situation. Your Curi claims consultant collaborates with your defense counsel to understand the plaintiff's case and evaluate its strengths and weaknesses.

Plaintiff

The plaintiff can be the patient or a representative, such as a family member or administrator of the estate, particularly if the patient is deceased or a minor.

Plaintiff Counsel

The plaintiff's counsel is the attorney who represents the plaintiff. Their goal is to advocate for the plaintiff and prove their case against the defendant, the named healthcare provider in the case.

Experts

The plaintiff will hire an expert to testify about the (alleged) standard of care violations. Your claims consultant and defense counsel will secure their own experts, typically experts in your specialty or related specialty, to assess your care and the plaintiff's claims. Experts on standard of care are generally trained in your specialty. Experts in other specialties may be called on to review your case on causation (i.e., whether your care caused or contributed to the outcome).

Curi is ready to guide you through the litigation process and familiarize you with the essential players involved. For more information, read ["Who Are the Players"](#) on blog.curi.com or consult your Curi Claims Consultant.