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WILLIAM L. TANNEHILL

Bill has over forty years of courtroom experience, including multiple jury trials, defending professional negligence litigation and other personal injury claims. He has extensive experience in defending hospitals, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, psychologists, physician assistants, CRNAs, nurse practitioners, physical therapists, and other licensed medical professionals. He is also experienced in defending legal malpractice actions, railroad litigation, premises liability actions and general negligence claims with extensive injuries, including wrongful death and closed head trauma. Additional experience includes the defense of license complaints and disciplinary actions before the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Admitted to practice in: State of Nebraska, United States District Court, District of Nebraska, United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

Juris Doctor, University of Nebraska Lincoln College of Law, 1982

Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, Kearney State University, 1979

Professional Affiliations

- Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers
- Lincoln Bar Association
- Nebraska Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- American Association for Justice (formerly the American Trial Lawyers Association)
- Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys
- Nebraska Defense Counsel Association
- Past President of the Nebraska Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates

Area(s) of Practice

Medical and Professional Malpractice Defense Personal Injury Litigation Appellate Advocacy General Civil Litigation/Trial Practice Insurance Law and Defense Litigation

Community Service

- Member, Messiah Lutheran Church
- President and board member, Little Nemaha Lake Estates Homeowner's Association



Significant Matters

- Secured a defense verdict for an anesthesiology group in a professional negligence action involving intraoperative blindness from ischemic optic neuropathy.
- Secured a defense verdict for a surgeon in a professional negligence action involving a patient's death from surgical complications after bariatric surgery.
- Secured a defense verdict for a hospital and its staff in a professional negligence action involving a patient's death following finger amputation surgery.
- Secured a defense verdict for a general surgeon in a professional negligence action involving a patient's death from an air embolization during laparoscopic abdominal surgery.
- Secured a defense verdict for anesthesia providers in a professional negligence action involving a patient's death from an anaphylactic reaction during septoplasty surgery.
- Secured a defense verdict for OB/GYN surgeon in a professional negligence action involving severe peritonitis from surgical complications of laparoscopic gynecologic surgery.
- Secured a defense verdict for a hospitalist in a professional negligence action involving catastrophic brain damage in connection with a patient's cerebral vascular accident.
- Secured a defense verdict for a hospital's emergency department staff in a professional negligence action involving an alleged failure to properly treat a patient's infected total knee replacement.
- Secured a defense verdict for an orthopedic hand surgeon in a professional negligence action involving an alleged failure to properly perform hand surgery on a pediatric patient.
- Secured numerous defense verdicts in a variety of professional negligence cases involving various emergency room treatment issues, hospital nursing care, mental health care, physical therapy, hospital day care, and hospital or other health care facilities premises liability cases, etc.
- Secured numerous defense verdicts in a variety of general negligence cases including premises liability, motor vehicle accidents, and other personal injury cases.

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