

CURRICULUM VITAE - CAROL L. FORTE

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PERSONAL:

Name: Carol L. Forte

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PRESENT POSITION:

Partner - Blume, Goldfaden, Berkowitz, Donnelly, Fried & Forte, P.C.

EDUCATION:

1981 Wagner College, B.S. Nursing, Magna Cum Laude

1984 Seton Hall School of Law, Cum Laude

LICENSURE:

New Jersey, 1984

EXPERIENCE:

1984 - present: Blume, Goldfaden, Berkowitz, Donnelly, Fried & Forte, P.C.; specializing in plaintiff's medical malpractice litigation

CERTIFICATION:

Certified Civil Trial Attorney, State of New Jersey 1992 - to the present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND BOARDS:

American Board of Trial Advocates

American Trial Lawyers Association

(Birth Trauma Litigation Group Board of Directors, 1996 - 1997;

Birth Trauma Litigation Group - co-chair, 1997 - 1999

New Jersey State Bar Association

(Past member Civil Trial Practice Committee)

Essex County Bar Association

(Past co-chair Joint Medical Legal Committee)

William J. Brennan Inn of Court, Master, 1997 - 1999

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND BOARDS: (continued)

Supreme Court Board on Attorney Certification, 1997 to the present
Trial Attorneys of New Jersey, Board of Trustees 1997
Seton Hall School of Law Advisory Board, 2004 - 2010
Morris County Judicial and Prosecutorial Nominating Committee, 2001 - 2008
Governor's Medical Care Availability Task Force (Representative for the NJ State Bar Association), 2005 - 2007
Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, elected 2008

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Trial Attorneys of New Jersey, Trial Bar Award, 2009

National Law Journal, One of Top 10 Litigators in New Jersey, 2000

National Law Journal, One of America's Top 50 Women Litigators, 2000

National Law Journal, One of America's Top 50 Women Litigators, 2001

Outstanding Civil Trial Attorneys' Award, Essex County Bar Association, April 2002

Woman's Law Forum of Seton Hall, Woman of Substance Award, 2003

Included in: New Jersey Monthly, "Top Lawyers in New Jersey", 2003 & 2010

Included in: The Best Lawyers In America, 2003 - 2010

Included in: New Jersey Monthly, "Super Lawyers" 2005, 2006, 2007 (Top 50 Female Lawyers), 2008 (Top 10 Lawyers in New Jersey), 2009, & 2010 (Top 100 Lawyers in New Jersey; and Top 50 Female Lawyers in New Jersey).

Included in: Law Dragon: Top Lawyers in the United States, 2006 through 2010; Law Dragon Top 500 in 2006 and 2010.

New Jersey State Bar Association, Board of Trustees, Annual Distinguished Legislative Service Award, 2007

"Best Lawyers", "Best Newark Area Medical Malpractice Lawyer for 2011"

PRESENTATIONS:

June 1996 Ontario, Canada, Birth Trauma Litigation Group of American Trial Lawyers Association: Overcoming the "ACOG 163" Defense in Brain Damaged Baby Cases

July 1996 Boston, MA, Birth Trauma Litigation Group of American Trial Lawyers Association: Anticipating the Defenses to Shoulder Dystocia cases

April 1997, Atlanta, Georgia, Birth Trauma Litigation Group of American Trial Lawyers Association, panelist: Causation and Timing Issues in the Catastrophic Injury Case

February 1999, Maui, Hawaii, Birth Trauma Litigation Group of American Trial Lawyers Association: Special Problems of the Premature Infant

July 2000, Chicago, Illinois, Professional Negligence Section of the American Trial Lawyers Association: Negligent Credentialing Claim

November 2003, Invited Speaker, New Jersey Judicial College Medical Malpractice Forum

November 2003, ICLE Seminar - Expert Cross Examination

February 2004, ATLA "Back to Basics" Proximate Causation in Medical Malpractice Cases

October 2004, "Hot Topics in Medical Malpractice: Update 2004", Proximate Causation, Saturday, October 16, 2004, New Jersey Law Center, New Brunswick, sponsored by New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education

ATLA Boardwalk Seminar Speaker, Proximate Causation – April 28, 2006

Faculty, Masters in Trial Program, sponsored by ABOTA - May 13, 2006, Hyatt Regency New Brunswick, Demonstrated direct/cross-examinations

October 2007, ATLA "Auto Insurance Institute, Medical Malpractice, Brain Injury Roundtable, Mass Torts Roundtable 2007", Friday & Saturday, October 19-20, 2007, Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel, East Rutherford, sponsored by New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Demonstrated Opening Statement

Faculty, Masters in Trial Program, sponsored by ABOTA - December 5, 2009, Montclair State University, Demonstrated direct examination of a plaintiff in an automobile crash worthiness case

Participated in ABOTA program, June 7, 2010, Princeton University