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Education

DePaul University
College of Law, J.D.

Loyola University
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University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign,
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Admissions

State of Illinois

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Barbara M. Prohaska is a partner at Cunningham, Meyer & Vedrine who focuses her practice in civil litigation matters, defending healthcare and child care providers in professional liability and employment matters.

Her clients include hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, child care providers and individual providers.

Barbara regularly defends employment-related claims against child care facilities in matters alleging negligent hiring, retention and supervision, breach of contract, and institutional negligence where punitive damages were sought.

Over the course of her career, she has successfully defended matters relating to product liability; premises liability; municipal liability; toxic tort medical malpractice; nursing home, assisted living and long-term care litigation; condemnation, consumer fraud, commercial and equitable claims. She is also skilled in appellate work.

In addition to her litigation practice, Barbara also has counseled clients on issues related to record subpoenas, patient confidentiality, the Mental Health Act, HIPPA, certificates of need, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, and fraud and abuse laws. She has briefed and argued numerous appeals in the First and Second District Appellate Courts in Illinois.

She also represented a criminal defendant convicted of first degree murder in a pro bono appeal.

Earlier in her career, Barbara clerked for the Honorable Robert D. McLaren, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court for the Second District.

Significant decisions:

- *Monga v. Defendant Hospital*
- *Runk v. Defendant Mental Health Center*
- *Compton v. Defendant Hospital*
- *City of Naperville v. Old Second National Bank of Aurora*, 327 Ill. App. 3d 734 (2nd Dist. 2002);
- *Boriss v. Defendant Hospital*
- *Annoreno v. Blades Ice Rink & Fitness Center*, 324 Ill. App. 3d 1143 (2nd Dist. 2001)
- *Stroick v. Village of West Dundee*, 319 Ill. App. 3d 468 (2nd Dist. 2001)
- *Miller v. Defendant Obstetrician*
- *Lloyd v. Defendant Hospital*
- *Mosley v. Defendant Hospital*
- *Wenk v. Defendant Hospital*
- *Calamari v. Defendant Plastic Surgeon*



- Old Kent Bank v. Victaulic Co. of America, 291 Ill. App. 3d 1111 (1st Dist. 1997)
- Wells v. Defendant Endocrinologist