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Mark P. Poliquin is a founding partner of Poliquin & DeGrave LLP, a merger of two well regarded, AV rated trial attorneys in Orange County. Prior to forming his own firm, Mr. Poliquin was managing partner in the Orange County office of Kirtland & Packard, LLP. He has tried in excess of 60 cases in his career.

Additionally, he is involved in arbitrations, peer review matters, administrative board hearings, and employment matters in the healthcare/medical-dental fields. He lectures extensively to dental and medical professionals, and spends a significant portion of his time as a trial lawyer counseling healthcare professionals on the issues that frequently confront them in practice.

Bar Admissions

- California State Bar, 1980
- United States District Court, Central District of California, 1981
- United States District Court, Southern District of California, 1996
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1981
- Supreme Court of the United States , 1994

Associations

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA Executive Board, Orange County Chapter; National Board of Directors)
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel

- Orange County Bar Association (Medical-Legal Liaison Committee 1989-1995);
- California State Bar Association
- Southern California Association of Healthcare Risk Managers

Education

- University Of Southern California - Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance; Minor in Real Estate Finance, 1977
- Loyola Law School, Los Angeles - Juris Doctor, 1980

Honors and Awards

- AV rating with Martindale-Hubbell
- Top one-percent of California Medical Malpractice Defense Attorneys, MedicalMalpracticeLawyers.org
- Super Lawyers List, L.A. Magazine, 2006, 2012, 2013, 2014
- Eagle Scout

Invited Lecturer:

- Loma Linda University School of Dentistry
- University of Southern California School of Dentistry
- Safeco/Pro-Plus Professional Liability Conference
- California Dental Association Conference, Anaheim, California, Spring 2001
- Western Dental Services, Inc.
- Newport Consumer Dental
- Frontier Dental
- Pacific Dental
- The Medical Protective Company
- Interdent/Gentle Dental University.

Presentations

- “Current Developments and Trends in Dental Malpractice”, Orange County Dental Hygienists’ Society (OCDHS), (November 1995).
- “Pitfalls In Staffing A Medical Practice”, The California Academy of Cosmetic Surgery (CACS), 1999 Educational Program (November 1999), Annenberg Center for Health Sciences, Rancho Mirage.
- “Recent Developments in Medical and Employment Law and What You Need to Know to Protect Yourself A Lawyer’s Perspective”, California Academy of Cosmetic Surgery (CACS) 2000 Educational Program, (November 2000), Annenberg Center for Health Sciences, Rancho Mirage.
- Dentist’s Risk Management Workshop, Sponsored by Pro-Plus Insurance Brokers and Safeco Select Markets, California Dental Convention, Anaheim, CA (April 2002).
- “HIPAA Compliance and Preventing Risk in the Dental Office”, Arab-American Dental Association, Los Angeles, CA (March 2003).
- “Dental Risk Management”, San Diego Women’s Dental Society, San Diego, CA (Ilme 2003).
- “Reducing Liabilities While Practicing Dentistry”, In House Program for Western Dental Services, Inc., Anaheim, CA (March 2004).
- “You Be The Judge”, Presentation of a mock dental malpractice trial, Sponsored by Dentist’s Advantage, Arumal Meeting-Academy of General Dentistry, Anaheim, CA (July 2004).
- “Suing and Defending the Professional”, Continuing Education of the Bar, Anaheim, CA (Sept 2004).
- “Risk Management in the Dental Office”, In house Program for Pacific Dental Services, Irvine, CA (Nov.-Dec. 2004).
- “Masters in Trial”, Coordinator for the MIT program for the Foundation of the American Board of Trial Attorneys, Laguna Beach, CA (Jan, 2005).

- “Risk Management for the Medical Practitioner”, Presentation for The Medical Protective Company, Irvine, November 2005 and 2006.
- “Risk Management for the Dental Practitioner”, In house program for Western Dental Services, Anaheim, June 2007.
- “What Plaintiff Lawyers Look For Deciding to Sue and Risk Avoidance”, In house program for Gentle Dental University, Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon; Phoenix, Arizona; Honolulu, Hawaii; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Pleasanton, Bakersfield, San Diego, Santa Ana, California; Las Vegas, Nevada, 2007
- “Failure To Diagnose – A Continuing Challenge”, Presentation for The Medical Protective Company, Irvine, CA (March 2008).
- “Risk Management for the Dental Practitioner”, In House Program for Western Dental Services Inc, Southern and Northern CA (August 2008).
- “Dealing with Difficult and Non- Compliant Patients”, In House Program – Medical Protective Company, Norwalk, CA (May 2009).
- “New Dentist’s Guide to Survival in a Litigious Environment or, How to Avoid Becoming Bait in a Sea of Sharks...”, Presentation for UCLA Dental School Students in Association with The Medical protective Company, Westwood, CA (April 2010).
- “Risk Management Legal Protection & Documentation”, In House Program for California Healthcare Management, Cypress, CA (May 2011).
- “Civility Matters: Beyond Kim v. Westmore Partners”, Cal-ABOTA Annual Conference, Kohala Coast, HI (Nov. 2012).
- “Civility Matters: Beyond Kim v. Westmore Partners”, Western State College of Law, Fullerton, CA (Sep. 2013)