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RELATED SERVICES

- Healthcare
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OVERVIEW

Abbey Fritz has a strong background in civil defense including medical malpractice, correctional medicine, labor and employment, and general and professional liability. She has extensive experience defending healthcare providers against Section 1983 claims across various disciplines, including medical, dental, nursing and mental health in correctional facilities, juvenile justice centers, and mental health facilities in Illinois and Missouri. Abbey has developed a reputation for being a zealous advocate and implementing thoughtful litigation strategies for effective and efficient client-centric results.

Before joining the firm, Abbey was an Assistant United States Attorney defending the interest of the United States. She routinely handled discrimination and retaliation claims under Title VII on behalf of government agencies. Her agency representation extended into protection of the government's rights in

the administration of its programs on appeal as well as defending against general liability and property rights claims.

Abbey's legal representation continues on into managing appellate matters. Having briefed and argued appeals in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, this knowledge and experience provides dimension to her case management leading to more well-rounded litigation strategies and improved client outcomes at the initial litigation and in the event of an appeal.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Obtained multiple successful federal appeals, including upholding of a correctional medicine client's application of a key healthcare management program aimed at effectively managing and enhancing patient care.
- Utilized exceptional communication skills and tactical negotiations to reach favorable settlements both inside and outside of formal mediation for private clients and governmental agencies.
- Presided over Regulatory Affairs Court on behalf of the City of East St. Louis' Department of Regulatory Affairs for administrative adjudication of ordinance violations.

PRESENTATIONS

- *A Winning Record: Exploring the Role of Medical Records in Litigation*, National Conference on Correctional Health Care, Las Vegas, NV, October 2022

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois
- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Central and Southern Districts of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit Court

Memberships

- National Commission on Correctional Health Care
- Federal Bar Association

Education

- J.D., Southern Illinois University School of Law, 2014
 - 1st Place Team, Advanced Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition
 - Best Brief Award, Advanced Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition
 - Graduate and Professional Student Council Research Award (2012)

- B.A., Political Science, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, 2011