

What causes more deaths than auto accidents, diabetes and everything else besides cancer and heart disease?

MEDICAL ERRORS.



According to a new study from the prestigious Journal of Patient Safety, 440,000 people die each year in the United States from preventable medical errors, which makes medical errors the third leading cause of death.

Proving that a medical error was the cause of death is extremely challenging. Electronic medical records often contain only simple “yes” and “no” responses to standard procedures and checklists. The truth about what really happened is buried far below the surface and requires an experienced and relentless legal team.

Our firm is known throughout the community for successfully handling complex medical malpractice cases. That is why a bereaved husband hired DWKMR&S when his wife suddenly passed away in the hospital following a simple hernia repair.

After meticulously combing through over 16,000 pages of medical documentation, and conducting several interviews with doctors and hospital personnel, Bill Ruffier and Ken McKenna successfully uncovered the truth about why their client’s wife died. The truth was that she was a victim of a medical error. More specifically, she died because the hospital staff failed to carefully read her medical records which noted her need to receive medication every six hours for a pre-existing condition. This simple error was unfortunately catastrophic.

Bill Ruffier and Ken McKenna were successful in litigating the case and reached a seven figure settlement for their bereaved client.

The dedicated researchers and experienced trial lawyers at DWKMR&S can help you take on caregivers, hospitals, nursing homes, insurance companies, and any other potential defendant. Thanks to our size, experience, and deep “in the trenches” knowledge of Florida injury law, we will advocate for your rights and fight for justice.



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