



COUNSEL

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Practices

Healthcare
Litigation
Product Liability
Professional Liability Defense

Industries

Healthcare
Professional Services
Insurance

EDUCATION

University of Florida College of
Nursing, B.S., 1990

University of San Diego Law School,
J.D., 1997

American College of Sports Medicine
Certified Personal Trainer, 2006

ADMISSIONS

Virginia

Florida

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth
Circuit

California (inactive)

Grace Morse-McNelis is an experienced, passionate attorney who dedicates her legal efforts to representing the unique needs of healthcare organizations and practitioners.

Grace joined Sands Anderson in 2017, bringing two decades of legal experience. As an advocate for her clients, Grace's goal is to deliver the meaningful and complete legal support that helps each individual come out ahead.

Grace has a diverse background as an attorney in medical law and as a former medical professional, having practiced as a nurse and served in managerial positions. Through these experiences, she directly understands the legal challenges and opportunities facing the healthcare industry, as well as the strategies necessary to prepare and protect them during litigation. Today, she applies her talents to support two industry niches: traditional medical malpractice and correctional health care.

For medical malpractice clients, Grace is deeply aware of the interconnected pieces her clients must dissect and address in complex medical records. She helps each client to thoroughly meet their legal needs, from identifying which medical studies relate to a case to selecting the medical experts integral to the defense. Through her intricate and steadfast support, Grace handles each case with resolve.

For correctional healthcare clients, Grace understands how to navigate the medical systems of varied corrections facilities and has significant experience defending 42 USC section 1983 matters and the complexities of civil rights litigation combined with medicine. She brings experience in all aspects of litigation, including research, appeals, client investigation, and beyond. As such, you gain an ally who can help you streamline the intricacies of the correctional medical environment. No matter her clients' goals, Grace's attention to detail helps ensure that each person can express their concerns and thereby create the best legal outcomes.

RECOGNITION

Recognized jointly with Ed McNelis for the most trial defense victories of any attorney throughout the country by TeamHealth, March 2017

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Richmond, Board member

Community Idea Stations Volunteer, WCVE PBS Richmond

Organizes with her family ongoing efforts to distribute care bags filled with essential items to homeless individuals in Downtown Richmond.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American College of Sports Medicine

Defense Research Institute

Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association

Richmond Bar Association

Membership Committee

The American Association of Nurse Attorneys

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys

Virginia State Bar

Virginia Bar Association