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Susan Cline concentrates her practice in healthcare and medical malpractice. She represents physicians, oral surgeons, dentists, nurses, nurse practitioners, clinics, home health agencies, hospitals and long term care facilities in the defense of medical negligence claims, and offers assistance to healthcare providers on administrative issues related to their practices.

Susan also represents the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance in the defense of the Indiana Patients Compensation Fund in claims for excess damages resulting from medical negligence. Susan has tried medical negligence cases before various state courts in Indiana and before the United States District Court. She is a native of North Vernon, Indiana, and has represented a number of healthcare providers in southern Indiana.

Client Industries:

Healthcare

Representative Cases:

- *Indiana Patients Compensation Fund v. Winkle*, 863 N.E.2d 1, (Ind. Ct. App. 2007), *reh'g denied*, limiting recovery for claims for the negligent infliction of emotional distress under the Indiana Medical Malpractice Act
- *Indiana Patients Compensation Fund v. Butcher*, 863 N.E.2d 11, (Ind. Ct. App. 2007), limiting recovery for claims for the negligent infliction of emotional distress under the Indiana Medical Malpractice Act
- *Indiana Patients Compensation Fund v. Robinson*, 872 N.E.2d 633 (Ind. Ct. App 2007) allowing the Indiana Patients Compensation Fund to present evidence of causation in an action against the PCF for excess damages following the resolution of a claim plead alternatively as wrongful death and a survival action when the underlying settlement agreement did not designate the theory of recovery

Professional Associations:

- Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana
- American Bar Association
- Indiana State Bar Association
- Indianapolis Bar Association

Community Involvement:

- The Peoples Burn Foundation, Vice President of the Board of Directors

Previous Experience:

- Litigation Paralegal, Tofaute & Spelman, Terre Haute, In., 1983-1987
- Paralegal/Law Clerk, Probate and Estate Administration, Cremer & Hobbs, Indianapolis, In., 1988-1989
- Law Clerk/Associate Attorney, Jones Loveall & Johnson, Franklin, In., 1989-1992

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Counsellors at Law

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Public Speaking:

- "Countdown to Trial: A Crash Course in Trial Preparation for Paralegals," Institute for Paralegal Education, 2007
- "Risk Management for the Office Practice," Hoosier Health PAHCOM Chapter of Office Administrators, 2003
- "Risk Management for the Dental Practice," 2002
- "64 Tips for Personal Injury Damages," Physical Pain and Suffering Claims, 2002
- "Nursing Home Negligence in Indiana," Lorman Education Services, 2001
- "Five Years and Ten Tough Cases - the Judicial Re-Writing of the Indiana Medical Malpractice Act," Locke Reynolds Litigation Symposium, 2000

Education:

- University of Indianapolis, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1983
- Roosevelt University, Legal Assistant, *honors certificate*, 1983
- Indiana University School of Law, J.D., 1990
 - o Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, 3d Top Oralist, Regional Competition, Wayne State University, 1989
 - o Coach, Indiana University team, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, New York University, 1990

Personal:

Susan resides with her husband, Kevin Kent, in Indianapolis.

