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LAW OFFICE OF KENNETH C. CHESSICK, M.D.

- The Law Office of Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D., concentrates its practice in Medical and Hospital Negligence, Personal Injury, representing catastrophically injured victims in Illinois and in federal courts.
- The firm has had significant success and has achieved multiple verdicts and settlements in excess of \$1,000,000 in excess of thirty-seven times in Cook, Kane, Winnebago, DuPage, Boone, Ogle and other Counties over a career spanning more than thirty years.
- Record Verdicts:
 - \$10 million Verdict. Ogle County, birth injury negligence, record verdict
 - Prior highest medical negligence verdict: \$125,000.
 - \$1.2 million Verdict, DuPage County, vascular injury treatment medical negligence, record verdict
 - First medical negligence verdict in DuPage County, Illinois in more than a decade.
 - \$1 million Verdict, Winnebago County, dental negligence, record verdict
 - \$1 million Verdict, Kane County, wrongful death
 - First medical negligence verdict in Kane County, Illinois in more than a decade.
 - \$5.95 million Verdict, Cook County, failure to diagnose breast cancer in a cancer survivor, record verdict
 - Tripled prior highest verdict
 - \$2 million Verdict, Cook County, failure to diagnose breast cancer, decedent, record verdict
 - Doubled prior highest verdict
 - \$7,600,000 Verdict, Cook County, negligent administration of a tube feeding
 - Multiple million dollar verdicts for failure to diagnose cancer, heart attacks, blood clots to the lung, and birth injury cases.
 - \$11.1 million birth injury settlement in Winnebago County.
- Dr. Chessick successfully prosecuted the Landmark Illinois Supreme Court, *Happel vs Walmart*, establishing as law that pharmacists must warn customers when they are allergic to the medication prescribed.

- The Law Office of Kenneth Chessick, M.D., conducts appellate representation and has successfully prosecuted multiple landmark appeals in the Illinois Supreme Court, First and Second District Court of Appeals of Illinois and the United States Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.
- “OF COUNSEL, CLIFFORD LAW OFFICES”
 - In November 2013, the Law Office of Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D., joined Clifford Law Offices to protect the rights of innocent victims of medical and hospital negligence with catastrophic injuries

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

- Certified, American Board of Surgery, 1975 to present
- Active Practice of Surgery: 1974-2002
- Fellow, American College of Surgeons, inactive
- Areas of Special Interest: Cancer, Gastroenterology and Vascular
- Licensed in Illinois
- Licensed in past in Massachusetts, Florida, and California

RESTAURANT.COM

- Creator and Key Investor, 1999
- Board of Directors, 2000 - Present
- Chairman, Board of Directors, 2005 - Present
- Chief Executive Officer, 2012 - Present
- In the mid-1990’s, Kenneth Chessick recognized the ways in which the internet would transform the world of communication in general and marketing in particular.
- In 1999, he purchased a key interest in a fledgling company devoted to creating and selling websites to restaurants. From those humble beginnings and with the assistance of creative management, Chessick and his team transformed this bare idea into today’s Restaurant.com (RDC), a vibrant internet marketing organization which helps restaurants and diners. Under Dr. Chessick’s leadership, RDC has grown in all fifty states which provides great value for customers and restaurants alike with plans for international expansion.
- RDC has enabled the success of tens of thousands of restaurants and thousands of small businesses, while saving millions of diners in excess of hundreds of millions of dollars.
- RDC has created and preserved hundreds of thousands of jobs in America.
- RDC employs over more than a thousand full-time and part-time workers and has enjoyed substantial growth, despite the worst economy since the Great Depression.

AWARDS and HONORS:

"NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR 2001,"
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

"NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
2012,"
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

"NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION AWARD FOR HIGH IMPACT PHILANTHROPY,
2012"

PHILANTHROPY

- Kenneth and Ellen Chessick Practice Center, 2013
- Northern Illinois University Foundation, 1999-present
- Kenneth C. Chessick Bridge to the Bar Stipend Program, 2011-2012
- Restaurant.com Professorship of Interactive Marketing, 2008
- Kenneth C. Chessick Civil Justice Endowed Scholarship Program, 2007
- Jeffrey and Kimberly Yordon Center, Kenneth Chessick Video Room, 2006
- Kenneth C. Chessick Legal Training Skills Center at the NIU College of Law, 2004
- 9-11 Survivor Fund, Restaurant.com/Ebay, 2001
- President, American Cancer Society, Citrus County Chapter, 1977-1979
- Project Hope, Colombia, South America, 1967

ACADEMIC EDUCATION:

1961-1964 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
Urbana, Illinois
Bachelor of Science Degree, 1965
Dual Majors: Zoology and Psychology

1964-1968 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Chicago, Illinois
Doctor of Medicine: M.D., 1968
Project HOPE, Colombia, S.A., Tropical Medicine
and Medical Education project, 1967
Full Academic Jewish Vocational Scholarship:
Sophomore, Junior, Senior Years

1981-1984 NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
DeKalb, Illinois
Juris Doctor: J.D., 1984
Honors: Cum Laude
University Council: 1982-1983

Certificate of Appreciation, 1982-1983

HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS:

SAINT ALEXIUS MEDICAL CENTER, 1987-2003

Hoffman Estates, Illinois

Department of Surgery

Past Committee memberships:

Quality Assurance

Trauma Committee

Tissue and Transfusion

Infection Control

Emergency Room

Pain Management

INTERNSHIP:

1968-1969 MICHAEL REESE HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER

Chicago, Illinois

Mixed, Major Medicine Rotating Internship

POSTGRADUATE SURGICAL RESIDENCY TRAINING:

GENERAL, GASTROINTESTINAL and VASCULAR SURGERY

1969-1970 HINES VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL

Maywood, Illinois

Affiliated with Loyola-Stritch University School of Medicine

1970-1973 BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL

Boston, Massachusetts

Tufts Surgical Service

Resident, Senior Resident, CHIEF SURGICAL RESIDENT

Instructor in Surgery, 1972-1973

Rotations through the following hospitals: Boston City Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts;

New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; Lemmuel Shattuck Cancer

and Chronic Disease Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; Norwood Hospital, Norwood,

Massachusetts; Boston Veterans Administration Hospital, Boston Massachusetts; and

The Memorial Hospital, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Tufts University School of Medicine

Hospitals Affiliated with Tufts, Harvard, and Boston University Schools of
Medicine

FELLOWSHIP: THORACIC and CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY

1979-1980 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA SHANDS TEACHING HOSPITAL

Gainesville, Florida

Cardiovascular and Thoracic Fellow

Instructor in Surgery, 1979-1980

Rotations through the University of Florida Shands Teaching Hospital and Veterans Administration Hospital, Gainesville, Florida.
University of Florida College of Medicine

STATE LAW LICENSES

ILLINOIS, 1984
NEVADA, 2004, inactive

STATE MEDICAL LICENSES

ILLINOIS
MASSACHUSETTS, inactive
FLORIDA, inactive
CALIFORNIA, inactive

MEDICAL BOARD CERTIFICATION:

AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY, 1974
NATIONAL BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, 1969

PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS, Past:

American College of Surgeons
American College of Emergency Medicine
The Southeastern Surgical Congress
American College of Angiology
American Society of Abdominal Surgeons
International College of Surgeons
Florida Association of General Surgeons
American Cancer Society

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Admitted, Illinois State Bar
Admitted, Nevada State Bar
Illinois State Bar Association
Nevada State Bar Association
Admitted, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, trial bar
American Bar Association
The Association of Trial Lawyers of America
The Illinois Trial Lawyers Association

MEDICAL & SURGICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:

1973-1974 General Surgery, Gastrointestinal Surgery, and Peripheral Vascular Surgery;
Highland Park Hospital, Highland Park, Illinois

1973-1974 General Surgery, Gastrointestinal Surgery, and Peripheral Vascular Surgery;
Emergency Medicine; Skokie Valley Community Hospital, Skokie, Illinois

- 1974-1979 General Surgery, Gastrointestinal Surgery, and Peripheral Vascular Surgery; Emergency Medicine; Chief, Peripheral Vascular Laboratory Chief, Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Laboratory; Citrus Memorial Hospital; Inverness, Florida
- 1981-1989 General Surgery, Gastrointestinal Surgery, Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and Cancer Surgery; Emergency Medicine; Sherman Hospital; Elgin, Illinois
- 1987- 2003 General Surgery, Gastrointestinal Surgery, Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Cancer, Laser Surgery; Saint Alexius Medical Center; Hoffman Estates, Illinois

MEDICAL, LEGAL, and PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS and HONORS:

Northern Illinois University College of Law, Board of Visitors,
 Member, 1997-present
 Secretary, 1999
 Vice-Chair, 2000-2002
 Chair, 2002-2004

Northern Illinois University Foundation
 Board of Directors, 1999 - present
 Development Committee, 2000 to 2008
 Audit Committee, 2008-2013
 Leadership Committee, 2014 - present

Northern Illinois University College of Law Patron Award, 1996, 1997

Alumni Council, Northern Illinois University College of Law Alumni Association,
 Northern Illinois University Foundation Landmark Associates Gargoyle Society
 Northern Illinois University Foundation Founders Forum Isaac L. Ellwood Society

Instructor in Surgery, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Mass., 1972-1973

Instructor in Surgery, University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, Florida , 1979-1980

American Cancer Society:

President, Citrus County Florida Chapter, 1976-1978
 Lecturer, Citrus County Florida Chapter, 1974-1976
 Lecturer, Cook County Illinois Chapter, 1973-1974

Village of Hoffman Estates, Illinois Board of Health, Director and member, 1987-1989

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

1. Chessick, K.C., Black, S. and Hoyer, S.J.: Spasm and Operative Cholangiography, Archives of Surgery 110:53, 1975.
2. Chessick, K.C. et. al.: Efficacy of Intravenous Clindamycin and Methicillin in Gram-Positive Soft Tissue Infections, Annals of Surgery 191:203, 1975.
3. Chessick, K.C.: Respiratory Insufficiency: Recognition and Management in Postoperative Insufficiency, The New Physician 24:34, 1975.
4. Chessick, K.C. and Hoyer, S.J.: Paraesophageal Hernia and Gastric Volvulus, Journal of the Florida Medical Association 62:30, 1975.
5. Chessick, K.C.: Letters to the Editor, Reply: Spasm and Operative Cholangiography, Archives of Surgery 110:847, 1975.
6. Chessick, K.C.: Fatal Iron Ingestion Occurring in a Two Year Old, Sherman Hospital Clinical Bulletin 1:11, 1984.
7. Chessick, K.C.: Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS): A Godsend for Patients Who Survive and For Lawyers of Those Who Don't, Sherman Hospital Clinical Bulletin 1:7, 1984.
8. Chessick, K.C., Greenburg, J.H., and Chessick, J.: A Lawyer to Watch Your Lawyer, Sherman Hospital Clinical Bulletin 3:17, 1983.
9. Chessick, K.C.: Letter to the Editor: New Alliance Urged, American Medical News, October 28, 1991, page 22.
10. Chessick, K. and Fisk, J: Using Federal Law to Protect Against Patient Dumping, Professional Negligence Law Reporter 6(9):175, 1991.
11. Gebler, Steven and Chessick, Kenneth: Soccer: National Federation Unconscious-Player Rule, Referee 18(3):60, 1993.
12. Chessick, K.C. and Robinson, M.D.: Medical Negligence Litigation in Not the Problem, Northern Illinois University Law Review, Vol 26, Summer 2006, Number 3.

LECTURER

1. Vascular Problems in Male Erectile Dysfunction: The Causes of Male Impotence, Male Impotence Program, Sherman Hospital, September 17, 1986.
2. Medical\Legal Aspects of CPR and ECG, Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider Course, Sherman Hospital and Illinois Heart Association, December 7, 1985, Elgin, Illinois.
3. Medical\Legal Aspects of CPR and ECG, Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider Course, Sherman Hospital and Illinois Heart Association, April 26, 1986, Elgin, Illinois.
4. Medical\Legal Aspects of CPR and ECG, Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider Course, Sherman Hospital and Illinois Heart Association, November 8, 1986, Elgin, Illinois.
5. Rectal Bleeding in the Elderly Patient Humana Hospital, Senior Citizen Day, November 21, 1989, Hoffman Estates, Illinois
6. Risk Management: Legal Elements of Medical Malpractice: Duty, Standard of Care, Injury and Proximate Cause, International Association of Medical Specialists, Inc., March 4, 1990, Breckenridge, Colorado.
7. Risk Management: Duty, The Doctor-Patient Relationship International Association of Medical Specialists, Inc., March 5, 1990, Breckenridge, Colorado.
8. Risk Management: The Standard of Care in Medical Malpractice Litigation Association of Medical Specialists, Inc., March 5, 1990, Breckenridge, Colorado.
9. Risk Management: The Legal Concept of Proximate Cause in Medical Malpractice Litigation International Association of Medical Specialists, Inc., March 6, 1990, Breckenridge, Colorado.
10. Risk Management: Protecting Yourself from Your Lawyer's Conflict of Interest International Association of Medical Specialists, Inc., March 6, 1990, Breckenridge, Colorado.
11. Risk Management: Medical Malpractice Myths, Part I International Association of Medical Specialists, Inc., March 7, 1990, Breckenridge, Colorado.
12. Risk Management: Medical Malpractice Myths, Part II International Association of Medical Specialists, Inc., March 7, 1990, Breckenridge, Colorado.

13. Risk Management: How to Testify in a Deposition and At Trial -- As a Defendant, A Subsequent Treater, As an Expert (Tips and Tricks) Association of Medical Specialists, Inc., March 8, 1990, Breckenridge, Colorado.
14. Risk Management: Special Laws that Affect Doctors: Medical Practice Act, Anti-Kickback Laws, COBRA, Trauma Center Act, and Others International Association of Medical Specialists, Inc., March 8, 1990, Breckenridge, Colorado.
15. Risk Management: Medical Malpractice Prevention: 18 Ways to Avoid a Malpractice Lawsuit International Association of Medical Specialists, Inc., March 9, 1990, Breckenridge, Colorado.
16. Lecture to Annual Meeting of American College of Foot Surgeons and American College of Foot Orthopedists, April 5, 1990, Chicago Hilton and Towers, Chicago, Illinois. Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: "Malpractice...The "M" Word.
17. Lecture to Annual Meeting of American College of Foot Surgeons and American College of Foot Orthopedists, April 5, 1990, Chicago Hilton and Towers, Chicago, Illinois. Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: The National Practitioners Data Bank.
18. Lecture, Royal Cruise Line, Crown Odyssey, in Barbados, South America, November 13, 1990; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: Miniaturization and Computerization in Medicine and Surgery.
19. Lecture, Royal Cruise Line, Crown Odyssey, in Panama City, Central America, November 17, 1990; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: Surgery without Incisions.
20. Lecture, Royal Cruise Line, Crown Odyssey, in Costa Rica, Central America, November 19, 1990; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: How to Pick a Doctor You Can Trust.
21. Lecture, Royal Cruise Line, Crown Odyssey, in Acapulco, Mexico, Central America, November 21, 1990; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: Common Complaints Where the Sun Don't Shine.
22. Lecture, Royal Cruise Line, Crown Odyssey, in Los Angeles, California, November 22, 1990; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: Medical Malpractice: Greedy Lawyers or Bad Doctors?
23. "Special Legal Risks in the Emergency Room", given to the Trauma Conference, Humana Hospital, Hoffman Estates, April 19, 1990.

24. "The Expert Witness - Deposition Skills and Pitfalls", given to American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians. OVERVIEW COURSE, October 12, 1991, J.W. Marriott Hotel, Century City, Los Angeles, California; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.
25. Lecture, Royal Cruise Line, Crown Odyssey, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, March 17, 1992; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: "How to Find a Doctor You Can Trust."
26. Lecture, Royal Cruise Line, Crown Odyssey, in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, South America, March 18, 1992; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: "Hospitals - The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly - Picking a Hospital You Can Live With."
27. Lecture, Royal Cruise Line, Crown Odyssey, in Salvador, Brazil, South America, March 20, 1992; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: "Living Wills, Powers of Attorney for Medical Decisions, and the Health Surrogate Act."
28. Lecture, Royal Cruise Line, Crown Odyssey, in Dakar, Senegal, Africa, South America, March 21, 1992; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: "Surgery without Incisions - The Explosion in Surgical Technology."
29. Lecture, Royal Cruise Line, Crown Odyssey, in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, Africa, March 22, 1992; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: "Medical Malpractice - The Problems, The Causes and The Solutions."
30. Lecture, Oakton Community College, Emeritus Encore Lecture Series, Skokie, Illinois, April 21, 1993; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.: "Decision Making and Medical Dilemmas."
31. Lecture, Kiwanis Club of Elgin, Golden, K, Elgin, Illinois, September 15, 1993; Lecturer, Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D.; Topic: "Coming Health Care Reform in America."
32. Moderator, Northern Illinois University College of Law, Legal Education Seminar, NIU Hoffman Estates Education Center, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, May 21, 1994; "Pragmatic Issues in the Medical Negligence Trial."
33. Guest Lecturer, Northern Illinois University College of Law, Advanced Civil Procedure classes, last April 7, 2000.
34. Symposium Lecturer, Northern Illinois University College of Law 2002 Law Review Symposium, NIU Naperville Education Center, Naperville, Illinois, March 21, 2002, "Technology in Case Management and Trial."
35. Guest Lecturer, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, Mortar Board Honor Society, October 24, 2013, "How an Ordinary Guy Does Extraordinary Things."