



Working Group on Case Management of Medical Malpractice Cases in Philadelphia

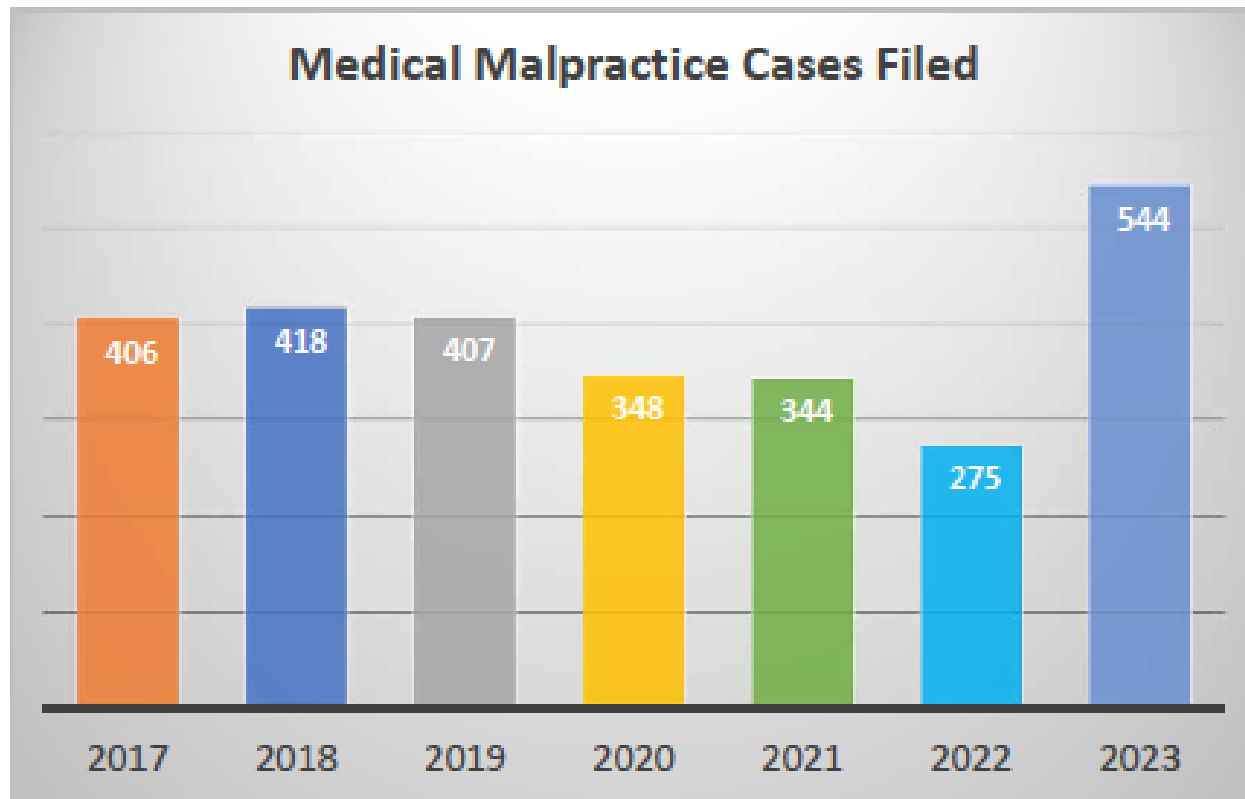
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Medical Malpractice Cases Filed

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Avg./Mo.
2017	45	34	26	32	50	39	36	33	20	22	34	35	406	34
2018	44	31	29	37	33	33	42	29	36	47	35	22	418	35
2019	24	27	31	40	38	48	36	26	36	25	32	44	407	34
2020	29	33	29	31	24	28	33	36	19	33	30	23	348	29
2021	32	32	31	32	37	23	32	23	26	24	39	13	344	29
2022	18	24	23	24	20	26	21	21	28	20	25	25	275	23
2023	70	47	38	50	53	42	43	50	31	44	33	43	544	45



2023 Year in Review

- 33% increase in medical malpractice cases filed in 2023
 - 544 cases in 2023 compared to 410 cases filed in 2017-2019
- 27% increase in medical malpractice settlements in 2023
 - 23.9 settlements per month in 2023 compared to 18.76 settlements per month in 2017-2019
 - 61% increase from July to December 2023 (30.33 per month)
- Pretrials held on-time if expert reports exchanged
 - Started 2023 with average of 51.2 pretrials per month
 - Increased number of pretrials was result of backlog
 - Ended 2023 with average of 20.6 pretrials per month
 - Lower number of pretrials was result of clearing of backlog plus adjustment to new case management protocols requiring exchange of expert reports
 - In 2024, expect to average 25 pretrials per month
 - Fewer trials to schedule reduces likelihood of double booking and shortens time to trial

2023 Year in Review

- Earlier trial dates assigned at pretrial conference
 - 90 days if no reasonable offer made by pretrial conference
 - Or confidential authority to settle communicated to Judge Schulman
 - All other cases will be scheduled for trial in 5 to 6 months from pretrial conference
- Fewer trials per week in first half of 2024
 - January to June 2024 – capped at 8 trials per week
 - Compare to mid-August to early December 2023
 - 9 to 12 medmal trials scheduled each week
- Shorter time between pretrial conference and trial
 - As of today, 8 of 168 medmal trials scheduled after August 1, 2024
 - No case scheduled for trial more than 1 year from pretrial conference
 - Compare: As of December 29, 2021, 31 of 177 medmal cases with trial dates in 2023, which was more than 1 year from pretrial

Looking ahead to 2024

- Monitor monthly filings
 - 45 filings per month may be the “new normal” for Philadelphia
- Number of settlements may gradually fall as we work through “bulge” of cases scheduled for trial in early 2024
- Number of pretrial conferences should increase as counsel adjust to requirement to exchange expert reports
- Length of time from pretrial to trial date should remain within 6 months for most cases