

For the Defense: A Survival Guide in the Age of the Nuclear Verdict

May 15, 2026

Working Agenda

Speakers scheduled for an Hour (Presenting for 45 Minutes + 15 Minutes for Q&A)
Exception of the Case Review for only 45 Minutes

7:30AM: *Doors Open/Registration/Breakfast*

8:00AM – 8:30AM: *Welcome/PBS Video*

Daniel R. Sullivan, MD
Chair, Passavant Hospital Foundation Board of Directors

8:30AM – 9:15AM: *The Adverse Event: "What to Say and Do"*

Christine Miller, Esq.
Division CLO & VP Compliance Quality and Risk Management, UPMC

9:15AM – 9:30AM: Q&A

9:30AM – 9:45AM: *Break*

9:45AM – 10:30AM: *When the Patient or Family Hires Attorney: "What's Next?"*

Michael Feeney, Esq.
Senior Associate Counsel & VP Claims and Litigation, UPMC

10:30AM – 10:45AM: Q&A

10:45AM – 11:30AM *Who Can I talk To?*

Victoria Deans, LCSW/Clinical Director/Life Solutions EAP
Physician Assistance Program, Resident and Fellow Assistance Program

Ian Barbash, MD, MS, Associate Professor of Medicine and Critical Care Medicine; Division of Pulmonary Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine; Medical Director, UPMC Physician TRIVE; Associate Medical Director, UPMC TeleICU; Associate Medical Director, UPMC Presbyterian Medical ICU

11:30AM – 11:45AM: Q&A

11:45AM – 12:30PM: *Lunch*

12:30PM – 1:15PM: *Topic Title Pending – What is Mediation, What does the Judge Do for Mediation*

Hon. Lisa. P Lenihan (ret.)
Chair Board of Directors UPMC Passavant and UPMC St. Margaret

Michael Feeney, Esq.
Senior Associate Counsel & VP Claims and Litigation, UPMC

1:15PM – 1:30PM: Q&A

1:30PM – 2:15 PM: *Case Review*

2:15PM – 2:30PM: *Break*

2:30PM – 3:15PM: *Life After Litigation*

Christine Miller, Esq.
Division CLO & VP Compliance Quality and Risk Management, UPMC

3:15PM – 3:30PM: Q&A

3:30PM: *Adjournment*