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CENTER FOR JUSTICE & DEMOCRACY RELEASES NEW MEDICAL MALPRACTICE BRIEFING BOOK

Includes New COVID and Malpractice Facts Undermining Push for Liability Limits

Today the Center for Justice & Democracy at New York Law School (CJ&D) released a 2021 update to its *Medical Malpractice: By The Numbers* briefing book. The fully-sourced 141-page volume includes the latest statistics and research on issues related to medical malpractice, including over 400 notes linking to original sources.

Said CJ&D Executive Director Joanne Doroshow, who edited the briefing book, “Since COVID hit a year ago, patient safety priorities have switched to issues like nursing home care and poor infection practices, which are also harming health care workers. As the pandemic’s impact begins to recede, these new findings are an important reminder that laws providing immunity to hospitals and negligent nursing homes are extremely ill-advised and should be repealed.”

Continued Doroshow, “Even aside from COVID-19, the briefing book includes a number of new studies that undercut the medical industry’s principal argument for so-called ‘tort reform’ laws: cost savings. It is clear that health care and insurance costs fail to decrease when ‘tort reforms’ are enacted, meaning there is no reason for patients to lose their legal rights.”

Briefing book author, CJ&D’s Deputy Director for Law and Policy Emily Gottlieb, said, “As in prior editions, topics in this new volume include: medical malpractice litigation, health care costs and ‘defensive medicine,’ physician supply and access to health care, medical malpractice insurance, patient safety and special problems for vets and military families. It covers everything from new National Center for State Court data on medical malpractice litigation to a study connecting surgical deaths to operations taking place on a surgeon’s birthday. Anyone interested in learning more about any of these issues should turn to the briefing book as a resource.”

A copy of the full briefing book can be found here: <http://centerjd.org/content/briefing-book-medical-malpractice-numbers>

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