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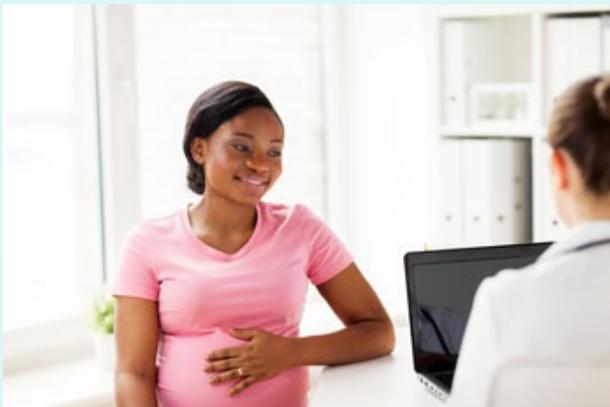
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- All contact information to assure you receive timely policyholder news and updates
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If you have any questions, contact us by [email](mailto:) or at 800-782-4767.



***Register NOW for Jan. 22  
ISMIE Risk Management  
Webinar on Maternal Care***

Over the past year, there have been plenty of news [reports](#) about the United States' globally high rate of maternal mortality. At noon CST Jan. 22, ISMIE is hosting its first lunchtime webinar of 2019, titled [Levels of Maternal Care in the United States: What Does This Mean for You?](#)

Recently, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, the American College of

Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have proposed a framework for levels of maternal care in response to the rising rates of maternal morbidity and mortality. This hour-long event will cover those details and more, including key components of a critical care obstetrics program.

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* and is free to ISMIE policyholders and staff.

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There you'll find up-to-date copies of your 10-year and all-year loss history letters ready to download and send.

Just a few keystrokes and you're done – no need for a phone call!



### ***Cases to Watch in 2019***

*ISMIE News* keeps an eye on courtroom activities around the country that can affect medical practice. Here are ongoing legal actions worth watching in the coming year:

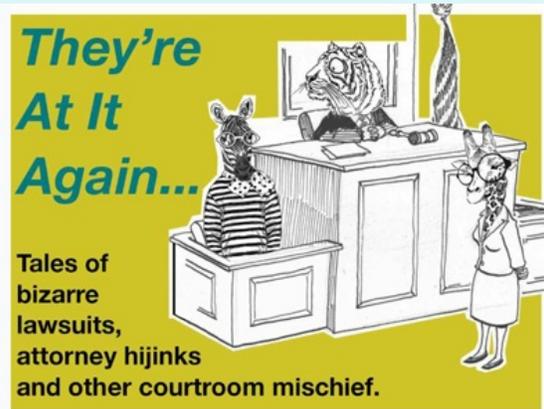
#### **Potential challenge to the Feres**

**Doctrine:** The U.S. Supreme Court has [shown interest](#) in a case that challenges a nearly 70-year-old ruling that bars active-duty military members from suing the federal government for injuries. The case, [Daniel v. U.S.](#), was filed by a former Coast Guard officer after his wife, an active-duty U.S. Navy nurse, died following childbirth. The Feres doctrine dates back to the 1940s – the widow of Lt. Rudolph Feres sued

the government after her husband died in a barracks fire caused by a defective heating system.

**If you're listed on public rating/review sites, take heed:** A personal injury attorney has filed a [petition](#) for writ of certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court to review a July 2018 California Supreme Court decision reversing an earlier decision and allowing user review site Yelp to continue posting a negative review of her firm. The attorney had [sued](#) Yelp for defamation when the site refused to take down a negative client review of her firm's work. As many health care professionals consider the marketing potential of such popular consumer ratings sites, keep in mind that what goes up may not come down.

**Expert medical witness testimony under the microscope:** Last fall, the Texas Supreme Court heard arguments to [reinstate](#) a \$2 million medical liability award in a case that could redefine how expert witnesses support their opinions in court. This new stage in the case, involving a physician accused of failing to diagnose and properly treat a man's brain condition, focuses on the "conclusory-opinion standard," which is seen as a more subjective [approach](#) to expert witness testimony.



### ***Deposition Dance Party***

You do *not* cut in on Carlton.

Seems there's a whole lot [shakin'](#) in courtrooms these days thanks to a bunch of digital doppelgangers mimicking the moves of some famous live counterparts.

Take Alfonso Ribeiro, host of "America's Funniest Home Videos."

Not ringing a bell? Try [this guy](#).

Also known for his role as Carlton Banks on the TV show "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" nearly 30 years ago, Ribeiro performed what's now known as the "Carlton Dance" - an irony-rich boogie known to rerun addicts everywhere. And, if Ribeiro's lawyers prevail, also known to the makers of Fortnite, currently the biggest video game in the world.

Last month, Ribeiro filed a [federal lawsuit](#) against Fortnite's developer, Epic Games, to bar the company from using, selling or displaying the dance. According to the suit, "The Dance" is now "inextricably linked to Ribeiro and has continued to be part of his celebrity persona," and the actor now wants injunctive relief – and unspecified damages.

But Fortnite apparently isn't done stepping on toes. The rapper 2 Milly claims Fortnite has also stolen his "[2 Milly](#)" dance and Instagram star Backpack Kid – who launched "[The Floss](#)" – got his mom to sue Epic on his behalf (he's a minor).

So, are these plaintiffs going to waltz into a big legal victory? Questionable, if you look at the history of dance and copyright law [here and abroad](#).

The beat goes on.

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