The Mississippi Supreme Court has ruled that physicians and dentists, who are residents, interns or fellows (hereinafter “House Officers”) at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, are employees of the State of Mississippi and are entitled to the protection and immunity from liability under the terms of the Mississippi Tort Claims Act. Pursuant to the Act, the University will provide a defense and indemnity to all House Officers against claims for actions or omissions occurring within the course and scope of their employment while at UMMC and/or on official rotation at other Mississippi hospitals or clinics. The same protection is afforded to former house officers for such claims made after their employment, if the claims relate to conduct during the term of their internship, residency, or fellowship.

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