

The Medical Protective Co. – Fort Wayne

In the 19th century, a large number of malpractice lawsuits were filed against physicians. Faced with the ongoing development of medical malpractice law, Fort Wayne's Dr. Alpheus P. Buchman came up with a solution. In 1899, he and a group of physicians decided to form Physicians' Guarantee Company – one of the first in the nation that provided prepaid legal defense services for medical malpractice lawsuits.

In 1913, the renamed Physician's Defense Company was acquired by The Medical Protective Company. Now part of Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Group of businesses, Medical Protective continues to be an industry leader in medical malpractice insurance.