

Health Care Compliance in 2023: Hold the Phones. It's Starkly Different, But No Surprises

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Beth Warren has been an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of South Carolina since 2012, primarily handling Affirmative Civil Enforcement (ACE) cases under the False Claims Act. She also serves as the ACE Coordinator for the office. Beth has handled health care and procurement fraud cases that have received national attention. She has led or assisted in cases resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars being returned to the government. Beth completed the South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy in 2018, and currently serves as Secretary of the Health Law committee for the South Carolina Bar.

Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Beth clerked for the Honorable Chief Justice Jean H. Toal of the South Carolina Supreme Court. In her former career, Beth worked in the healthcare industry as a pharmaceutical sales representative. Beth graduated with Honors from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2010, where she served as Symposium Editor of the South Carolina Law Review, and as Chairperson of the Honor Council. She was a student member of the John Belton O'Neall American Inn of Court and Order of Wig and Robe. She graduated with Honors from the Terry School of Business at the University of Georgia in 2001.

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As the General Counsel for The Medical University of South Carolina, Ms. Drachman is responsible for the legal affairs of the academic, research and clinical components of the South Carolina's only comprehensive academic health sciences center in South Carolina. Prior to her appointment as General Counsel in 2012, Ms. Drachman served as the Director of Legal Affairs and Associate General Counsel for Healthcare with the Medical University Hospital, a 709-bed academic medical center located in Charleston, South Carolina. In these roles, Ms. Drachman advises health care professionals on compliance, tort, and human resources issues. Prior to moving in-house, Ms. Drachman was in private practice in Charleston where she focused primarily on

payment and reimbursement issues. She has also been an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Healthcare Leadership and Management of the College of Health Professions at MUSC since 1999.

Ms. Drachman has been actively involved in a number of organizations, including the Healthcare Financial Management Association, the National Association of College and University Attorneys, and the American Health Lawyers Association. In addition, she has been involved with various local non-profit organizations.

Ms. Drachman has a bachelor's degree in history and economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a law degree from the University of South Carolina, and a master's degree in health administration from the Medical University of South Carolina.

Sandra Miller

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Sandy Miller is health law attorney who counsels and represents health care providers in governmental and regulatory matters involving compliance.

Ms. Miller has helped clients through the heavily regulated and often confusing health law and health care litigation landscape for more than 30 years. Before practicing law, she worked for more than a decade as a registered nurse, including serving as a director of nursing.

She represents hospitals, home health agencies, long-term care facilities, and other related health care providers. Ms. Miller's experience stretches across the health care spectrum, and she represents health care providers in a variety of health-law-related issues, including federal and state fraud and abuse investigations, regulatory compliance, and public and private reimbursement issues.

Her extensive litigation and trial experience includes qui tam litigation and Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse investigations, such as internal investigations, self-disclosures, and negotiations with the OIG and DOG. She also advises clients on patient rights and research issues and has been a South Carolina certified mediator and has experience as an arbitrator, currently serving on the AHLA arbitration panel.

Ira Bedenbaugh

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Ira has over 15 years of experience providing consulting services to physicians, hospitals, and other healthcare entities, specializing in physician compensation, HIPAA and data privacy, strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions, and operations.

He regularly works with customers' compensation formulas, including updating formulas, addressing STARK concerns, and performing compensation calculations. Ira provides fair market valuation and commercial reasonableness opinions related to physician compensation, including on-call and medical director compensation, and physician/hospital lease arrangements.

Ira helps customers with data privacy, including HIPAA's Privacy and Security Rules, GDPR, and CCPA. He and his team perform HIPAA Security Rule Risk Assessments and assist entities with implementing HIPAA's Privacy and Security Rules.

He is an Adjunct Professor with the University of South Carolina's Arnold School of Public Health, teaching healthcare finance in its Master of Health Administration program.

Before joining Elliott Davis in 2006, Ira served as the practice administrator for a multi-physician primary care practice in South Carolina, where he successfully integrated an electronic health record system in 2001. The practice was named a Better Performing Practice by the Medical Group Management Association in 2000 and 2005 for physician productivity and cost containment. Ira's current physician practice customers benefit from the insights he brings to bear from his experience as a practice administrator and his unique understanding of the regulatory and operational pressures physician practices face.

Lindsey Murtagh

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Lindsey Murtagh is the Director of the Market-wide Regulation Division within the Oversight Group at the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Her division develops policy related to many of the core consumer protections in the private insurance market. Prior to this role, she served as a Senior Policy Advisor for CCIIO, as an attorney practicing health regulatory law at Hogan Lovells, LLP, and as a researcher at Harvard School of Public Health. Lindsey has a Masters of Public Health and law degree from Harvard.

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Linda Mendel

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Linda Mendel is an attorney-advisor in the Office of Tax Policy, Department of Treasury. Prior to joining Treasury in September 2021, Linda was in private practice where she worked with employers and multiemployer plans on the design, implementation and administration of health and welfare benefit plans.

Elizabeth Schumacher

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Elizabeth Schumacher is the Deputy Director of the Division of Regulations and Standards within the Office of Health Plan Standards and Compliance Assistance at the US Department of Labor. She manages regulatory projects and subregulatory guidance projects affecting group health plans under Part 7 of ERISA. She participates in the tri-Department (Departments of Labor, Health and

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