

Special Report

Outstanding Hospital Lawyers – 2008

Lawyer	Firm	Outstanding Achievements
William H. Boling	Epstein Becker & Green Atlanta, GA Tel. (404) 869-5334 bboling@ebglaw.com	Served as general counsel to MCG Health, the clinical delivery system for the Medical College of Georgia for five years after its inception. Extensive civil trial experience in Georgia and federal courts and regulatory bodies, with emphasis on healthcare litigation and special investigations. Clients include major hospitals, academic medical centers, other health providers.
James P. (Jim) Connelly	Foley & Lardner Milwaukee, WI Tel. (414) 297-5653 jconnelly@foley.com	Lead counsel and strategist in development of Aurora Health Care System, a non-profit health system with an extensive teaching and clinical relationship with the University of Wisconsin Medical School and annual revenues in excess of \$3 billion. Has also served as general counsel to American Medical Group Association and special counsel to American Medical Association.
James Dutro	Latham & Watkins LLP San Francisco, CA Tel. (415) 395-8142 james.dutro@lw.com	Clients include Adventist Health, Catholic Healthcare West, John Muir Health, Hawaii Pacific Health, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, and Stanford Hospital and Clinics. Represented John Muir Health in issuance of more than \$500 million in tax-exempt bonds. Represented Stanford Hospital and Clinics in connection with its investment in Pacific Partners Management Services.
Sherry A. Fabina-Abney	Ice Miller Indianapolis, IN Tel. (317) 236-2446 sherry.fabina-abney@icemiller.com	Provides legal counsel to hospitals and their medical staff leaders in addressing quality, behavioral, and employment concerns related to physicians and other credentialed practitioners. Has defended hospitals in federal court challenges brought by physicians who have been summarily suspended or are subject to corrective action. Represents hospitals in contract disputes with physicians.
Christopher M. Jedrey	McDermott Will & Emery LLP Boston, MA Tel: (617) 535.4405 cjedrey@mwe.com	Advised many healthcare transactions including: establishment of Atrius Health, a system of five nonprofit group practices with approximately 600,000 patients; formation of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center's Cardiovascular Institute; merger of Partners HealthCare System's seven faculty practice foundations into Brigham and Women's Physicians Organization.
Sheree Kanner	Hogan & Hartson Washington, DC Tel. (202) 637-2898 srkanner@hhlaw.com	Serves as counsel to the AHA on Medicare and Medicaid matters; counsels major cancer hospital in retaining PPS-exempt status; counsels one of the nation's largest hospital chains on complex Medicare reimbursement issues; represented large teaching hospital in False Claims Act case in federal court; assisted state hospital associations in efforts to gain CMS approval of Medicaid provider taxes.
Holley Thames Lutz	Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal Washington, DC Tel. (202) 408-6836 hlutz@sonnenschein.com	Recent accomplishments include extensive counseling for Miami Children's Hospital related to clinical research activities and reimbursement matters; identifying areas of regulatory scrutiny for Baptist Health South Florida and acting as compliance counsel; extensive counseling on Medicaid upper payment limit programs and working with regulators to develop a compliance program.
Ann McCullough	Faegre & Benson Denver, CO Tel. (303) 607-3500 AMcCullough@faegre.com	Drafted and negotiated variety of healthcare contracts, joint ventures, and acquisitions involving compliance with physician self-referral and anti-kickback safe harbor laws; advised healthcare organizations regarding medical staff credentialing, peer review, antitrust, and other provider relationship matters; advised nonprofit healthcare organizations regarding IRS constraints.
Maureen Demarest Murray	Smith Moore LLP Greensboro, NC Tel. (336) 378-5258 maureen.murray@smithmoorelaw.com	Represents healthcare providers in medical staff and peer review matters, malpractice actions, reimbursement appeals, fraud and abuse investigations, and business disputes. Counsels hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health agencies, medical technology companies, and physician groups on corporate compliance, EMTALA, credentialing, HIPAA, patient care, and other matters.
M. Daria Niewenhous	Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo Boston, MA Tel. (617) 348-4865 DNiewenhous@mintz.com	Serves as vice president of legal services at a tertiary care teaching hospital. Orchestrated and spearheaded a transaction preserving 52 FTEs, with annual projected savings of \$1.8 million. Has led many recent capital projects, including a new medical/surgical inpatient building and new technologies. Successfully prevented facility from locating a satellite in a client's backyard.
Sara Kay Wheeler	King & Spalding Atlanta, GA Tel. (404) 572-4685 skwheeler@kslaw.com	Represented hospital systems, physician groups, and suppliers in OIG and DOJ investigations; represented hospital systems and other healthcare providers in variety of Medicaid and other investigations and audits initiated at the state level; advised major hospital system regarding internal investigation of hospital-physician relationships and subsequent voluntary disclosure to the OIG.
Robert Wild	Garfunkel, Wild & Travis, P.C. Great Neck, NY Tel. (516) 393-2222 rwild@gwtlaw.com	Represents dozens of hospitals on such matters as merger of two New York City hospitals; merger of three upstate hospitals into an integrated healthcare system; affiliation between pediatric neurology department of two hospitals; claim against an actuary in relation to a hospital's pension fund. Addressed issues before commission on hospital closings in New York.