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Professional Experience

Leigh's practice experience encompasses a broad range of health care law matters, including structuring medical practice formations, mergers, purchases, sales, and alliances; advising health care providers on health care regulatory (fraud and abuse, HIPAA, Stark, anti-kickback, EMTALA, and antitrust) and reimbursement issues; structuring health care joint ventures; negotiating and drafting contracts; and drafting key compliance policies and procedures. Her experience also encompasses a broad range of business law matters, from start-up businesses to transactional matters.

Practice Concentrations

Business Formation/Organization and Reorganization

Business and Health Care Transactions

Health Care Compliance

Health Care Joint Ventures

Health Care Regulatory Issues

Medicare/Medicaid Fraud and Abuse

Mergers and Acquisitions

Education

J.D., The University of North Carolina School of Law, 1985

B.S., *magna cum laude*, North Carolina State University, 1982

Admitted to Practice

North Carolina, 1985

All state courts in North Carolina

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

Honors and Distinctions*

The Best Lawyers in America, 2010-2018

North Carolina Bar Association Citizen Lawyer Award, 2013

North Carolina District East Civitan, Carlie B. Sessoms Memorial Award, Civitan of the Decade, 2014



Representative Experience

Representation of client in audit, calculation and refund of Medicare and other payor overpayments exceeding \$500,000

Representation of medical practice in developing diagnostic imaging joint venture with hospital

Representation of retiring physician in negotiating the buy-out of his ownership interest in the practice and the entity that owned the practice's office locations

Representation of medical practice in sale of assets to and simultaneous employment of physicians by hospital

Representation of medical practice in Medicare appeal of overpayment determination through Administrative Law Judge Hearing level

Representation of hospital medical staff in credentialing, grievance and disciplinary actions involving physicians

Professional and Community Affiliations

American Health Lawyers Association

Civitan International (Region Three Director 2015-2017)

Coastal Women's Forum (charter member; past president and director)

Medical Group Management Association

New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce (past board chairperson)

North Carolina Bar Association — Sections: Business Law; Health Law

North Carolina District East of Civitan International (governor 2010-2011)

North Carolina Society of Health Care Attorneys

North Carolina State University College of Sciences Foundation (past board chairperson)

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