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## Overview

**E. Dale Burrus has represented health care providers – facilities, physicians, and allied health providers – in all areas of law. She provides clients with counsel in litigation, risk management, peer review, contract review, and payer issues.**

In addition, Dale handles regulatory issues involving billing and fraud and abuse; represents all practitioners before their respective licensing boards; and serves as general counsel on issues associated with contract and employer disputes, creation of business practices, and evaluation of proposed business deals for regulatory compliance.

As her career and experience demonstrates, she is passionate about assisting all providers both before and after a conflict arises. She assists in the prevention of a dispute or vigorously defends if and when the need arises.

In 1999, she successfully completed her LLM in Health Law at the University of Houston Health Law & Policy Institute.

## Education

- Rice University, 2015 (Graduate Certificate in Health Care Management)
- University of Houston Law Center, 1999 (LLM)
- Washington and Lee University, 1987 (J.D.)
- Millsaps College, 1984 (B.B.A.)

## Bar Admissions

- Texas, 1999

## Community Involvement

- Archway Academy, Former Board and Executive Committee Member

## Distinctions

- *Houston Business Journal*, Women Who Mean Business, 2024
- *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2014-present
- *H Magazine*, Houston's Top Lawyers, 2015-present

## Memberships

- Greater Houston Society for Healthcare Risk Management, Past President

## Presentations and Publications

- "Top Ten Issues in Health Law 2021: #10 Risk Management and Professional Liability," AHLA, January 2021
- "Health Care Risk Mitigation in the Ever-Changing COVID Landscape," AHLA, May 2020
- "COVID-19: Risk Mitigation Considerations and Strategies as Healthcare Providers Fully Re-Open," Webinar, May 2020
- Co-author of *Texas Medical Malpractice Defense* textbook

## Related Experience

- Served as lead counsel in successfully defending a provider in a peer review matter in which Plaintiff alleged retaliation for Plaintiff's reporting of wrongdoings and violations of law; failure to provide due process by threatening peer review and guaranteeing the results; failure to provide Plaintiff proper notice of action to be taken against him; and violations of policies and the law by not contacting the attending physician prior to treatment.
- Served as lead counsel in successfully defending providers in medical negligence cases to defense jury verdicts as well as an argument before the Texas Appeals Courts, including the Texas Supreme Court.
- Lead counsel of a joint board for two hospitals for reducing a physician's hospital privileges in a federal lawsuit alleging violations of 42 USC §1981 racial discrimination, antitrust, defamation, and various state law claims that include business interference, breach of contract and intentional infliction of emotional distress. All claims but antitrust and 1981 were subject to the HCQIA immunity. Additionally, there were issues associated with reporting the event to the National Practitioner Data Bank, which was on appeal to the Fifth Circuit.
- Representation of the Appellate Panel in a peer review dispute.
- Representation of many physicians related to employment contracts.
- Representation of nurses, physical therapists, and physicians before licensing boards.