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Overview

Ellen E. Stewart helps health care clients successfully navigate a myriad of legal issues and regulations so they can effectively deliver patient care while still meeting their business goals. Whether she is assisting clients in mergers and acquisitions, negotiating contracts, or developing corporate compliance programs, Ellen is dedicated to providing her clients with the highest level of transactional counsel and litigation advocacy.

During her many years of practicing in this area, Ellen has served numerous clients, such as hospitals, physicians, and preferred provider organizations, for a variety of issues concerning the delivery of health care:

- Mergers and acquisitions
- Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement
- Managed care contracting and enforcement
- Information technology
- Medical equipment and supply agreements and leases
- Physician and executive employment agreements
- Anti-kickback and Stark regulations
- Medical staff bylaws, rules, and regulations
- HIPAA training and compliance

Ellen provides assistance to many types of health care organizations, including hospitals, physicians, and alternative delivery systems. She assists clients in the formation of new entities, the acquisition, and sale of entities as well as providing general counsel representation, which can cover a myriad of regulatory and contract issues.

Education

- University of Denver, 1984 (J.D.)
- University of Colorado Medical Center, 1979 (M.S.)
- University of Colorado, 1977 (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- Colorado, 1984

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Community Involvement

- Medical Care and Research Foundation, Board of Directors, 1994–2005
- Francis Heights / Clare Gardens, Board of Directors and Vice Chairman, 1987–1991
- Montview Manor, Board of Directors, 1985–1988
- Atlantis Condominium Association, Board of Directors and President, 1979–present
- Linkages for Older Adults, Board of Directors, 1989–1991
- Presbyterian / St. Luke's School of Nursing Alumni Association, Honorary Member, 1987–present
- University of Denver, Alumni Admissions Council, 1985–present
- University of Colorado, Boulder, Career Counseling Panels, 1989–1992
- Opera Colorado Guild Member, 1990–present; Bravo Ball Co-Chairman, 1991; Grand Ball at 9 and Meistersinger Committees, 1992; Special Events Committee, 1993–1996
- Colorado Cancer League, Corporate Board of Directors, 1992–present
- Children's Hospital Gala, Corporate Committee, 1992–present
- Central City Opera Guild, Espirit de Noël, Volunteer
- University of Colorado Foundation, Wines for Life Volunteer
- Friends of Nursing, Member and Volunteer
- Leadership Denver, Class of 1994; Health Care Day Coordinator, 1997–1999
- Town Hall Arts Center, Board of Directors, 2007–present
- Parkinson's Association of the Rockies, Pro Bono Legal Counsel
- A.J. Kauvar Foundation, Board of Directors, 2009–present
- Honorarium Faculty, University of Colorado at Denver, Graduate School of Business, Program in Health Administration, Ethical Decision Making in Health Care
- Honorarium Faculty, University of Denver, University College, Graduate Program in Health Administration, Health Law
- Honorarium Faculty, College of St. Francis, Graduate Program in Health Administration, Health Law

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2010–2026
- Healthcare Financial Management Association, Folmer Bronze Award; Reeves Silver Award; Muncie Gold Award; Medal of Honor
- *Colorado Super Lawyers*, 2006–2019
- *5280 Magazine*, Top Lawyer 2016–2020
- *Law Week Colorado*, Barrister's Best – Healthcare, 2015
- Martindale–Hubbell, AV Preeminent
- AVVO rated 10.0 out of a possible 10

Memberships

- Colorado Bar Association, Health Law Section, Council Member, 1991-1998
- Colorado Bar Association, Health Law Section, Chair, 1996-1997
- Healthcare Financial Management Association, Colorado Chapter, Board of Directors, 1987-present; Treasurer, 1988-1989; Secretary, 1989-1990; Vice President, 1990-1991; President Elect, 1991-1992; President, 1992-1993; Secretary, 2001-2005; National Matrix 1993-1994; Chapter Liaison Representative 1996-1997; National Nominating Committee 1997-1998; Numerous Chapter Committees
- American Health Law Association
- American Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- Colorado Women's Forum in Health Administration, Vice President, 1988- 1989; President, 1989-1990; Board of Directors 1987-present
- American College of Health Care Executives

Presentations and Publications

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