



## Hilary L. Velandia

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## Overview

**Hilary Velandia helps health care providers navigate complex regulatory, operational, transactional, and dispute-related matters so they can remain compliant, manage risk, and focus on delivering quality patient care.**

For more than 15 years, Hilary has represented a broad range of health care organizations, including hospitals, managed care entities, ambulatory surgery centers, long-term care facilities, hospice providers, behavioral health providers, home health agencies, pharmacies, and physician groups. Clients rely on her practical guidance in addressing the legal and regulatory challenges facing today's health care industry.

A significant portion of Hilary's practice focuses on regulatory compliance, government investigations, and health care disputes. She advises clients on false claims act investigations, agency appeals, licensing matters, overpayment appeals, civil investigative demands, self-disclosures, payor-provider disputes, contract disputes, and litigation and arbitration matters. Her experience helps clients navigate complex regulatory frameworks while minimizing operational disruption.

Hilary also counsels health care providers on day-to-day operational and compliance issues, including medical staff governance, payor-provider agreements, Conditions of Participation, EMTALA, HIPAA, fraud and abuse laws, the Anti-Kickback Statute, and the Stark Law. By combining regulatory, litigation, and transactional experience, she provides comprehensive guidance tailored to the evolving needs of health care organizations.

A recognized leader in the health care legal community, Hilary is a former president of both the Oklahoma Bar Association Health Law Section and the Oklahoma Health Lawyers Association. She is also fluent in Spanish and provides pro bono legal services to members of the Spanish-speaking community.

## Education

- University of Kansas School of Law, 2007 (J.D.)
- University of Kansas, 2001 (B.A.)

## Bar Admissions

- Oklahoma, 2007
- Kansas, 2008
- Florida, 2013

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas

## Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2026
- *Chambers USA*, Health Care, Associate to Watch, 2016–2017; Up and Coming, 2019–2022; Band 3, 2023
- *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Health Care, 2015–2017
- Coalition of Hispanic Organizations, Gracias Award, 2019
- President's Volunteer Service Award, Silver Level, 2009

## Memberships

- American Health Law Association
- American Bar Association, Health Law Section
- Oklahoma Bar Association, Health Law Section, President, 2021–2022
- Oklahoma Health Lawyers Association, President, 2011–2012
- Tulsa County Bar Association, Health Law Section
- Kansas Bar Association, Health Law Section
- Florida Bar Association, Health Law Section

## Presentations and Publications

- "[Health Care Practical Law Guide: Non-Physician Practitioners in Oklahoma](#)," *Thomson Reuters Practical Law*, July 2023

## Related Experience

- Represented hospitals, hospital medical staffs, managed-care entities, and physicians regarding credentialing, and peer review actions.
- Drafted provider and group contracts for managed-care entities.
- Represented an association of independent pharmacies in dispute resolution with national PBMs.
- Drafted Medical Staff Bylaws for hospitals.
- Represented health care providers and managed-care entities in payment disputes, including arbitration of payment disputes.

- Assisted mental health and other providers respond to subpoenas for documents, medical records, depositions, and testimony from private and government parties.
- Drafted and litigated disputes relating to physician-independent contractors, recruitment, and employment agreements on behalf of both the physician and the hospital or other health care entities.
- Assisted various types of health care providers respond to investigations and allegations under the False Claims Act, including investigations by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.