



Russell C. Ramzel

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Overview

Russell Ramzel helps health care providers, regulated businesses, and professional organizations navigate complex regulatory and corporate matters so they can maintain compliance, pursue growth opportunities, and achieve their business objectives.

Working extensively within the health care industry, Russell advises hospital systems, psychiatric hospitals, long-term care facilities, pharmacies, residential childcare facilities, and health care technology and service providers on a wide range of regulatory requirements. His experience includes agency licensure matters; certificate of need issues; the 340B Drug Pricing Program; HIPAA compliance; electronic health records and meaningful use requirements; and fraud and abuse laws, including Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark Law compliance. Clients rely on his practical guidance to address evolving regulatory challenges while supporting their operational goals.

Russell also helps clients structure and execute strategic business transactions. He counsels organizations on mergers and acquisitions, changes of ownership (CHOWs), entity formation, corporate governance, compliance programs, and other corporate matters. By combining regulatory insight with transactional experience, he helps clients evaluate opportunities, manage risk, and position their organizations for long-term success.

Education

- University of Tulsa College of Law, 2012 (J.D.), *with highest honors*
- University of Arkansas, 2004 (B.A.), *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Oklahoma, 2012

Community Involvement

- The University of Tulsa College of Law, Alumni Board
- The University of Tulsa College of Law, Board of Advocates

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Health Care Law, 2025
- *Chambers USA*, Oklahoma, Health Care, Band 3, 2021-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch, Administrative/Regulatory Law; Corporate Governance and Compliance Law; and Health Care Law, 2020-2024
- *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*, 2020-2026

Memberships

- American Health Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Association, Health Law Section, Former President; 2012-present
- Oklahoma Health Lawyers Association, President, 2020-2021
- Tulsa County Bar Association

Presentations and Publications

- "Proposed Changes to Stark and Anti-Kickback Rules May Spur Care Coordination," American Health Lawyers Association, *Health Law Watch*, 2020
- "Corporate Practice of Medicine: A Fifty State Survey," Oklahoma Section, American Health Lawyers Association, Second Edition, 2020
- "State Health Care Fraud Law: An AHLA 50-State Survey," American Health Lawyers Association, 2018
- "Examining Covert Kickbacks: The OIG Carve-our Rule," American Health Lawyers Association, *Journal of Health & Life Sciences Law*, 2017
- "Environmental Review of Permitted Pollution," *Energy Law Journal*, Vol. 32, No. 2, 2011
- "2010-2011 National Health Law Moot Court Competition: Best Brief," *Journal of Legal Medicine*, Vol. 32, No. 4, 2012

Related Experience

- Handled a corporate restructure of a residential childcare facility.
- Handled the corporate restructure of a professional engineering corporation to obtain licenses to practice in multiple states and begin practicing land surveying.
- Obtained a certificate of need for lifecare continuing care retirement community.
- Represented a buyer in the purchase of a hospital in asset acquisition.
- Represented a seller in sale of a group practice to a hospital system.
- Represented a buyer in an asset acquisition of a psychiatric residential treatment facility.
- Drafted resident agreements for a lifecare continuing care retirement community.
- Drafted Business Associate Agreement and HIPAA policies and procedures for health care service web-based supplier.
- Represented a defendant hospital concerning issues involving an EHR system.

- Represented the buyer of equity related to a psychiatric and rehabilitation hospital.
- Obtained a certificate of need for the establishment of a new psychiatric hospital.
- Obtained certificates of need for the acquisition of a psychiatric hospital and nursing homes.
- Represented a buyer in the purchase of a physician group practice.
- Represented multiple buyers in acquisitions of an ambulatory surgery center, both equity and asset purchases.
- Formed multiple entities, including handling required filings, and drafting bylaws and operating agreements across multiple industries.
- Represented Oklahoma public trusts in transactions and matters related to governance, open meeting requests, and open record requests.
- Represented clients in relation to licensure and other issues governed by the Oklahoma State Department of Health.
- Represented clinical laboratories related to CLIA and CMS compliance and transactional matters.
- Provided corporate advice and licensing advice regarding the structuring of medical marijuana clients.