



Collin P. Baron

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Collin P. Baron is chair of Pullman & Comley's Health Care Department.

Collin has been involved in a wide variety of corporate health care matters during his career at the firm. His involvement has encompassed virtually all areas of health care law and has included representation of individual and group physicians, dentists and other health care providers; federally qualified health centers; rehabilitation centers; nursing homes; provider groups; hospitals and hospital-affiliated organizations including foundations, auxiliaries and parent holding companies.

Collin has advised clients on such matters as corporate governance; mergers, affiliations, joint ventures and corporate restructurings; sale and acquisition of provider practices; Stark, fraud and abuse and HIPAA compliance; tax issues related to nonprofits and charitable organizations; Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement; and internal audits, investigations and corporate compliance. He has also represented numerous providers in proceedings before the Connecticut Office of Health Care Access, counseled providers on medical staff issues including credentialing, peer review and disciplinary proceedings, and drafted and implemented corporate compliance programs.

Representative Experience

- Responsible for the establishment of a hospital foundation as well as obtaining IRS approval for the transfer to the foundation of unrestricted hospital endowment funds
- Representation of hospitals and physician groups in negotiating and establishing joint ventures compliant with Stark and AKS



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- Representation before the Connecticut Office of Health Care Access in certificate of need proceedings
- Representation of hospital medical staffs in proceedings to terminate physician membership and staff privileges
- Representation of physicians in proceedings before the Connecticut Board of Medical Examiners
- Development of hospital policies and procedures affecting such areas as patient resuscitation, organ donation, AIDS testing and informed consent
- Representation of hospitals in the development and implementation of physician recruiting programs

Practice Areas

Health Care; Hospitals and Health Care Institutions; Physicians and Other Health Care Practitioners; Professional Liability

Bar and Court Admissions

Connecticut

Commonwealth of Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

U.S. Supreme Court

Education

The George Washington University National Law Center, J.D., 1973

University of Virginia, B.A., 1969

Publications

"Understand Your New Obligations Under HIPAA," *Fairfield County Business Journal*, June 21, 2010

"ALERT: Loss of Hospital Tax Exemption Upheld," April 1, 2010

"ALERT: Breach Notification Regulations and Increased HIPAA Penalties Under HITECH: Health Care Providers, Plans and Vendors Must Comply," November 23, 2009



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Professional Affiliations

American Academy of Hospital Attorneys

American Health Lawyers Association

Connecticut Health Lawyers Association - former president