



Sandra Louise Weikel Miller

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Profile

Ms. Miller practices in the area of Health Law, representing physicians, physician groups, home health agencies, hospitals, long term care facilities and other related health care providers. Ms. Miller has experience representing health care providers in a variety of health law related issues, including federal and state fraud and abuse compliance, physician disciplinary and peer review proceedings, public and private reimbursement issues, including managed care issues, and contract negotiations. She has also provided legal advice to clients on patient rights and research issues.

Her litigation experience includes Medicare fraud and abuse and the defense of hospitals, physicians, long term care facilities, and pharmacists against professional malpractice claims.

Honors include: *Best Lawyers in America* (Health Care Law); *South Carolina Super Lawyers* (Health Care Law); Martindale Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers.

Recent examples include:

- Negotiation of a settlement agreement with the OIG and assistance to clients with corporate integrity agreements for a health care provider
- Representation of skilled care nursing facilities in wrongful death litigation
- Representation of physicians and hospitals in medical malpractice, disciplinary board and peer review proceedings
- CMS appeals from SC DHEC survey citations
- Representation of the physician *qui tam* relator in U.S. ex rel. *Drakeford v. Tuomey Healthcare*
- *Qui tam* defense of a hospital in North Carolina (currently under seal)

Professional Activities

American Bar Association; South Carolina Bar Association, Health Law Section Council, House of Delegates; American Health Lawyers Association; Defense Research Institute.

Admitted to the bar, 1990, South Carolina. Admitted to practice before the South Carolina Supreme Court, the Federal Court, Fourth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Areas of Practice

Health Care Law

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Education

B.S., Nursing, 1976, East Tennessee State University, *magna cum laude*; Master of Nursing, 1984, University of South Carolina; J.D., 1990, University of South Carolina School of Law, *magna cum laude*, Executive Editor, *South Carolina Law Review*, Coleman Karesh Award (1st in class as 2L); Richard J. Foster Award (1st in class as 1L), Carolina Legal Scholar, Order of the Wig and Robe, Associate Justice, Order of the Coif.

Prior Legal Experience

Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C., 1990 – 2004; Shareholder, 1996 – 2004; Established firm’s Health Care Practice.

Prior Work Experience

Registered Nurse, 1976 – 1987, Director of nursing and clinical nurse specialist.

Publications

Co-author, “The Health Care Cooperation Act: Panacea or Peril?” 47 *South Carolina Law Review*, 1996;

Co-author, The South Carolina portion of the 1996 National Health Lawyers Association fifty-state survey of the Corporate Practice of Medicine Doctrine.