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OVERVIEW

Carla DewBerry practices in the areas of health care law; mergers and acquisitions; and federal, state and local tax. Carla represents health care clients in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement matters, including related audits and litigation. In addition, she is an experienced tax and business counselor and represents clients in corporate restructurings, joint venture operations, licensing, and federal and state taxation matters. She provides counsel for clients outside the health care industry as well.

Carla's experience includes working as a practicing CPA at a large accounting firm where she was part of a firmwide health care group. She brings to her law practice a practical, in-depth understanding of how financial information is generated, stored and retrieved in the health care industry. This understanding is especially helpful in Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement matters.

Carla is also a founding faculty member of the firm's mini-MBA program, an innovative professional development training program designed to orient associates to key business concepts that are integral to our clients' business success.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Most recently, Carla was an owner of the private law practice Garvey Schubert Barer. The primary areas of focus included general corporate law, tax law, and health care law with an emphasis in regulatory compliance (federal and local) and reimbursement issues.

Previous to that, she was a shareholder in Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S., a law firm specializing in health care services. Carla was also a tax manager of a large multi-national accounting firm where her primary areas of focus included hospital reorganizations, federal and state tax law, and health care reimbursement.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed by *Chambers USA* for Health Care in Washington, 2020
- Named in Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers, 2012

- Named a "Top Lawyer" for Healthcare in *Seattle Met* magazine, 2010
- Named by peers to *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Healthcare, 2007 - 2021
- Martindale-Hubbell AV/5.0 Peer Review Rated

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Washington State Bar Association, 1986-present
- Member, State Bar of California, 1980-present
- Member, King County Bar Association
- Member, National Bar Association
- Member, Board of Directors, Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys, 1997-1998
- Member, American Health Lawyers Association
- Member, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants
- Member, Board of Directors, Healthcare Financial Management Association, 1997-2001, 2011-2014
 - President, 2013-2014
- Member, Board of Directors, Benaroya Research Institute, 2009-present
 - President, 2017-2019
- Chair, Washington State Tobacco Settlement Authority
- Member, Board of Directors, Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program, 1986-2007
- Member, Board of Directors, Community Health Plan of Washington, 2009-present
 - Vice Chair, 2017-present

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), 1980
- B.S., University of San Francisco, 1977

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California
- Bar of Washington

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 7 May 2021, HHS Exemptions for Buprenorphine (but not Methadone) Prescribers (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 11 December 2020, Recent District Court Decision Highlights the Importance of Adequate Behavioral Health Claims Processing Guidelines for ERISA Plans (*Podcast*)
- 28 September 2020, K&L Gates Triage: Updates to Mental Health Parity in California and Nationwide (*Podcast*)
- 11 August 2020, The Practitioner's Guide to SAMHSA's 2020 Final Part 2 Rules - More Changes on the Horizon (*Alerts/Updates*)
- August 2020, The Future of Health Care in the Wake of COVID-19 (*Video*)
- 22 June 2020, COVID-19: K&L Gates Triage: Community Health Center Response to COVID-19 and the Evolving Landscape of Delivery of Care (*Podcast*)
- 4 June 2020, COVID-19: K&L Gates Triage: Considerations for Behavioral Health Providers in the COVID-19 Environment and Beyond (*Podcast*)
- 18 May 2020, CMS Issues IPPS/LTCH Proposed Rule for FY 2021 (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 7 May 2020, COVID-19: K&L Gates Triage: Value-Based Payment Arrangements (*Podcast*)
- 24 April 2020, COVID-19: Tribal Business FAQ for CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 15 April 2020, What Comes Next for Part 2? The CARES Act's Surprising Overhaul of the Controversial Law Protecting the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Records (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 23 March 2020, COVID-19: Impact on Medicare Telehealth Services (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 March 2020, COVID-19: Impact of the Coronavirus on Laboratory Billing: Coronavirus CPT Codes and HCPCS Codes (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 February 2020, K&L Gates Triage: EKRA - New Fraud and Abuse Considerations for Clinically Integrated Networks (*Podcast*)
- 14 February 2019, K&L Gates Triage: When the Feds Come Knocking on Your Door (*Podcast*)
- 30 November 2018, Support for Patients and Communities Act: Standardizing Recovery Housing (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 7 August 2018, Final Rule Changes to the Edges of U.S. Health Insurance Markets (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 9 February 2018, K&L Gates Triage: The Opioid Epidemic: Laws Impacting Prescribers and Care Givers (*Podcast*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Healthcare Rules Applicable to Certain Populations: Chapter 3," *Washington Health Law Manual*, 5 May 2020
- Corporate Practice of Medicine: A Fifty State Survey, *American Health Lawyers Association*, 2014, co-authored Washington Chapter.
- Chapter 23, *Washington Health Law Manual (3rd Edition)*, "State Taxes and Exemptions," *Washington State Society of Health Care Lawyers*, co-authored with Mark Hugh, MA, CPA.
- "4th Quarter 2012 Ideas for Finance Professionals," *Northwest Outlook, Washington-Alaska HFMA Chapter Newsletter*, 3rd Quarter, 2012.
- "Update: CMS "Suspends" Hospital CoP - Mandatory Board Position for a Medical Staff Member," *Garvey Schubert Barer*, June 2012.
- "Personalized Medicine Molecular Genetic Lab Testing Legal Compliance Traps," co-authored with David Gee, Esq. for *the American Health Lawyers Association*, May 21, 2012.
- "CMS Needs Your Feedback: New Rule Regarding Hospital Board Compositions," *Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update*, May 2012.
- "Proposed Changes to Medicare's Conditions of Participation for Hospitals," *Washington Rural Health News, Special Edition*, October 2011.
- "Form 1099 Reporting: Two Burdensome Rules Repealed, But Some Traps Remain," *Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update*, May 2011.
- "Public Hospital Districts and Non-Healthcare Related Tort Claims for Damages: Is Your District Meeting All of the Requirements?," *Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update*, April 28, 2011.
- "The Washington Supreme Court Allows Private Lawsuits Against Health Care Providers Who Do Not Report Suspected Child Abuse," *Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update*, February 2011.
- "Washington's First Tax Amnesty Program," *Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update*, January 2011.
- "10 New Reasons to Tune Up Your Compliance Program," *Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update*, Fall 2010.
- "The Washington Public Records Act - New Developments," *Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update*, October 2010.
- "Hospital Medicare Reimbursement: Moving to Reimbursement Based on Quality of Care," *Washington Healthcare News, Volume 5, Issue 7*, July 2010.
- "New Developments Regarding Ancillary Services," *Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update*, May 5, 2010.
- "Maintaining an Effective and Low Cost Compliance Program for Rural Hospitals," *Washington Healthcare News, Volume 4, Issue 3*, March 2009.

- "RAC Audits Back on Track," *Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update*, February 20, 2009.
- "2008 Year-End Wrap-Up," *Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update*, December 17, 2008.
- "RAC Audit Recoveries: One Billion Dollars and Counting," *Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update*, September 18, 2008.

NEWS & EVENTS

- 23 April 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Chambers USA Guide (*Rankings & Recognitions*)

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "Telehealth, digital health, medical tech attract funding during the pandemic," Puget Sound Business Journal (online), 6 October 2020

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Health Care and FDA
- Health Care Fraud and Abuse (U.S.)
- Health Care Payor-Provider Disputes (U.S.)

INDUSTRIES

- Health Care Sector
- Lab, Pharmacy, and Durable Medical Equipment