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OVERVIEW

Sarah Carlins is of counsel at the firm's Pittsburgh office. She is a member of the health care practice group. Sarah represents hospitals and health systems, hospices, physician groups, laboratories, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, and providers and health care entities of all types in all aspects of health care law, including federal and state regulatory compliance, telehealth, fraud and abuse, risk management, corporate governance, board counsel, employee relations, physician contracting and credentialing, payor contracting and reimbursement, and health care related business transactions.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Sarah served as a partner at a national law firm where she focused her practice in complex health care regulatory and compliance matters.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Board Member, Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership
- Past Board Member, 412 Food Rescue
- Past Board Member, Neighborhood Legal Services Association
- Past Board Member, Allegheny Youth Development

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2003
- M.B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 1999
- M.P.I.A., University of Pittsburgh, 1998
- B.A., Pennsylvania State University, 1996

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Connecticut
- Bar of Pennsylvania
- Bar of West Virginia
- United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 7 May 2021, HHS Exemptions for Buprenorphine (but not Methadone) Prescribers (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 January 2021, OIG Finalizes New and Revises Existing AKS Safe Harbors and Creates New CMP Law Exception (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 January 2021, White Paper: OIG Finalizes New and Revises Existing AKS Safe Harbors and Creates New CMP Law Exception (*Alerts/Updates*)
- December 2020, Considerations for Health Care and Other Employers When Evaluating Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Programs (*Webinar*)
- 11 December 2020, Recent District Court Decision Highlights the Importance of Adequate Behavioral Health Claims Processing Guidelines for ERISA Plans (*Podcast*)
- 11 August 2020, The Practitioner's Guide to SAMHSA's 2020 Final Part 2 Rules - More Changes on the Horizon (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 4 June 2020, COVID-19: K&L Gates Triage: Considerations for Behavioral Health Providers in the COVID-19 Environment and Beyond (*Podcast*)
- 2 June 2020, COVID-19: Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities: Snapshot of 90 Days After the First Reported Outbreak (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 April 2020, COVID-19: Pennsylvania - Executive Order on PPE and Medical Supplies (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 9 April 2020, COVID-19: Health Care Compliance Considerations and Guidance During COVID-19 Crisis (*Webinar*)
- 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 June 2019, Lessons from Forest Park: What Providers Need to Know About New Health Care Fraud Risks (*Alerts/Updates*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Pennsylvania's Temporary Medical Marijuana Regulations - What Physicians Need to Know, *Western Pennsylvania Healthcare News* - August 30, 2016
- Saying Sorry: When is a Poor Apology Better Than No Apology at All?, *Western Pennsylvania Healthcare News* - December 9, 2013
- Anesthesia 'Company Model' Raises Fraud and Abuse Concerns, co-authored with Robert B. Hoffman, *The Sentinel: Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists Newsletter* - Winter 2012/2013
- PPACA Changes to Stark Law Effective in 2011, *Western PA Hospital News* - January 2011
- Successor Liability in New York Post-Berger, co-authored with Jeffrey Alexander, *Health Law Journal* - Winter 2009

AREAS OF FOCUS

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