

# Alessandra Stewart

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Alessandra Stewart is an experienced trial and appellate lawyer who has successfully guided health care clients through internal audits and reimbursement disputes, False Claims Act (FCA) cases, criminal investigations, and litigation between payors and providers. She focuses her federal practice on Administrative Procedure Act (APA) challenges to agency action, and frequently addresses statistical sampling, extrapolated overpayment demands, and constitutional due process issues in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement disputes.

With a background as a federal prosecutor and civil litigator, Alessandra brings a wealth of experience working with government agencies to her role. Her work encompasses a broad spectrum of matters, including parallel criminal and civil proceedings, Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) and money laundering investigations, Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) and bank fraud cases, wiretap investigations, tax fraud and public corruption.

Before joining Polsinelli, Alessandra served for 12 years as a federal prosecutor, including as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of South Carolina and the District of Columbia, and as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of Virginia. In those roles, she led jury and bench trials, investigated and indicted complex white-collar and violent crime cases, and drafted and argued procedural and substantive motions. She also handled appellate matters before the Fourth Circuit, District Courts in Virginia and South Carolina, and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Earlier in her career, Alessandra was a civil litigator at a global law firm, where she handled contract and intellectual property disputes, product liability actions, corporate criminal investigations and antitrust issues.

## Education

- University of Virginia (J.D., 2007)
- Williams College (B.A., *cum laude*, 2002)

## Bar Admissions

## Capabilities

- Health Care
- Health Care Reimbursement
- Reimbursement Audits & Disputes
- Health Care Litigation
- Litigation
- False Claims Act Defense
- Government Investigations
- Internal Investigations

- South Carolina
- California
- District of Columbia
- New York

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina

## Memberships

- Federal Bar Association, South Carolina Chapter Board Member
- Women's White Collar Defense Association, South Carolina Chapter
- American Health Law Association
- Charleston County Bar Association
- South Carolina Women Lawyers Association (SCWLA)
- Gibbes Museum of Art, Society 1858 Member

## Recognition

- Named one of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in Health Care Law, 2026

# Publications

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March 7, 2025

**Back to Backlog? Polsinelli Shareholders Share Insight on how Terminations of DAB Attorneys and Potential Removal of Administrative Law Judges May Impact Medicare Appeals**

April 11, 2024

**Due Process: A Winning Weapon Against Extrapolated Overpayments**

*Co-Author, American Health Law Association*