

# Bragg E. Hemme

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Bragg Hemme is a health care regulatory attorney focused on teaming up with clients in order to succeed in this complex and ever-changing federal and state regulatory environment. Bragg draws on a wealth of experience and a solid understanding of the health care industry gained during her time as both external and internal counsel in order to offer health care providers and suppliers practical legal guidance in a way that mitigates compliance risk, while also allowing clients to effectively operationalize the advice and achieve their business goals. Her experience includes advising on difficult regulatory issues such as:

- Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicaid and Medicaid managed care reimbursement, including, for example:
- Coverage, billing and payment
- Overpayments
- Provider-based rules
- Space sharing
- Medicare Secondary Payor and Coordination of Benefits rules between various payors
- Regulatory and reimbursement compliance
- State licensure
- Medicare enrollment and certification
- Diligence support related to regulatory and reimbursement issues arising from transactions, and post-transaction support to maintain revenue
- Payor disputes and audit support
- Fraud and abuse

She approaches each issue with a practical application unique to the client's context and has a strong background working with numerous health care entities, including:

- Hospitals, including their provider-based departments
- Behavioral Health Organizations
- Dialysis suppliers
- Rural Healthcare and other safety net providers servicing underserved or health professional shortage areas, such as Critical Access Hospitals ("CAHs"), Rural Health Clinics ("RHCs"), and FQHCs/Look-Alikes

## Capabilities

- Behavioral Health
- Health Care Compliance
- Health Care
- Reimbursement Audits & Disputes
- Health Care Reimbursement
- Value-Based Innovation & Clinical Integration
- Licensure, Enrollment & Certification
- Telehealth
- Distressed Health Care
- Post Chevron Educational Resources & Updates
- Hospitals & Health Systems

- Physician Groups

Bragg also works with private equity firms in the health care space bringing her strong regulatory and reimbursement background in to support the success of their health care platform, whether the investment is short or long term.

Bragg co-chairs Polsinelli's Reimbursement Institute, bringing Polsinelli industry leaders together to navigate the most complex issues in the evolving reimbursement space.

Bragg also co-chairs Polsinelli's Behavioral Health practice area, bringing a unique and multi-disciplinary focus to providers in the behavioral health space.

## Education

- University of Denver Sturm College of Law (J.D., 2002)
  - Order of St. Ives
- University of Colorado (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1996)

## Bar Admissions

- Colorado, 2002

## Memberships

- American Health Law Association
- American Bar Association
  - Health Law Section
- Colorado Bar Association
  - Health Law Section
- Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation, Leadership Denver Class of 2021
- Healthcare Financial Management Association
  - Colorado Chapter
- Maria Droste Counseling Center, Board Member

## Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Health Care Law, 2022-2026
- Named to *5280 Magazine*'s "Denver's Top Lawyers" list for Health Law, 2021
- 14th Annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Awards, Healthcare/Life Sciences Deal of the Year (\$50MM to \$100MM), Restructuring of Elements Behavioral Health
- 11th Annual Americas M&A Atlas Awards, USA Restructuring Deal of the Year, Middle Markets, Nominee Winner: Elements Behavioral Health Restructuring and Sale of Assets
- Law clerk for the Honorable Rebecca Love Kourtis, Colorado Supreme Court