

Donna J. Ruzicka

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Donna Ruzicka has focused her practice on serving health care clients throughout the United States for more than 10 years.

Donna works with clients to structure transactions in ways that help them accomplish their business goals while also complying with health care laws and regulations. For instance, Donna regularly advises clients on health care laws that include physician self-referral laws (Stark), anti-kickback laws, corporate practice of medicine prohibitions, Medicare and Medicaid enrollment and reimbursement rules and state health care licensure laws.

Her clients include home infusion providers, specialty pharmacies, home health agencies, physician practices, academic medical centers, hospitals, clinical laboratories and pharmaceutical manufacturers.

In addition to advising on structuring, Donna regularly drafts and negotiates transaction documents and assists clients in complying with health care regulatory requirements. This includes researching and summarizing requirements and developing timelines for completion of pre- and post-closing applications and notices to ensure continued rights of a licensed health care facility to operate and bill third party payors following closing of a transaction.

Donna also regularly assists clients with their general corporate and health care contracting, licensure, and third-party reimbursement needs. This assistance includes drafting and negotiating corporate documents, as well as operational contracts such as services agreements between health care providers. She advises clients on health care licensure requirements and on reimbursement requirements, particularly with respect to the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 1999)
 - Health Law Certificate; Journal of Health Law, Executive Editor
- University of Notre Dame (B.S., 1996)

Capabilities

- Academic Medical Centers
- Health Care Mergers & Acquisitions
- Health Care
- Pharmacy
- Public Company M&A, Going Private & Other Transactions
- Private Equity - Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Home Health, Home Care & Hospice

Bar Admissions

- Missouri, 1999
- California, 2004

Memberships

- The Missouri Bar
- The California Bar
- American Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- St. Louis Area Health Lawyers Association

Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Health Care Law, 2019-2026