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Lauryn Sanders focuses her practice on the daily operations of the medical staff organization, advising hospitals, health systems, ASCs and medical groups on the regulatory compliance and practical requirements for interfacing the medical staff and allied health professional staff with hospital operations. She counsels clients on privileging and credentialing, peer review, disciplinary matters, bylaws, rules and policies, and compliance with accreditations and licensing requirements.

Additionally, Lauryn focuses on transactional and regulatory matters affecting a wide range of clients in the health care industry, including health systems, hospitals, physician groups, pharmacies, and clinical laboratories.

Prior to joining Polsinelli, Lauryn worked as a legal fellow with the Office of General Counsel at the University of Southern California.

Lauryn's experience includes:

- Drafting and revising bylaws and governance documents for hospital medical staffs in compliance with the Medicare Conditions of Participation and accreditation standards (e.g., TJC, DNV, AAAHC).
- Development of model bylaws and a fair hearing plan for a large hospital system.
- Develop and advise on processes for strengthening credentialing, peer review and information sharing.
- Drafting and negotiating of transactional agreements, including, affiliation agreements, professional service agreements, management agreements and medical director agreements.
- Advised hospital on fraud and abuse issues and implications of a joint venture transaction in relation to billing and cost reporting to Medicare and Medicaid.
- Assisted a team with the voluntary dissolution of a nonprofit public benefit corporation physical therapy and occupational therapy corporation including preparation of Attorney General Notices and escheating patient accounts.
- Advised a hospital on the penalties for a laboratory practicing outside of the limitations of their CLIA and the potential penalties and sanctions from CMS that could be triggered if the laboratory continued practicing outside of its CLIA.
- Advised health care entities in structuring business arrangements and physician

Capabilities

- Medical Staff Governance, Operations & Disputes
- Behavioral Health
- Health Care
- Licensure, Enrollment & Certification
- Hospitals & Health Systems

compensation in compliance with state and federal fraud and abuse laws, including the Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark Law.

- Part of a team that represented a medical group in the sale of its physician practice, clinics, and related real estate, including preparation of deal documents, due diligence review and analysis of licensing and certification requirements.

Education

- University of Southern California (B.S., *cum laude*, 2012)
 - Policy Planning and Development
- University of Southern California (Master of Health Administration, 2012)
- University of Southern California Gould School of Law (J.D., 2016)
 - President and Founder of USC Health Law Society

Bar Admissions

- California, 2016
- Texas, 2022

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Memberships

- American Bar Association
 - Health Law Section, 2016-present
- American Health Lawyers Association
- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
 - Healthcare Law Section

Recognition

- Named one of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in Health Care Law, 2025-2026

Publications

December 18, 2023

Medicare Continues its Updates to Provider Enrollment Policies as Part of Efforts to Enhance Program Integrity and Transparency

March 1, 2023

Health Care Reimbursement and Payor Dispute Update

February 2023

Med-Staff Newsletter