

Melissa Hudzik, Esq., CPC

Admitted to the Bars of the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia
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SUMMARY Accomplished healthcare attorney with experience counseling clients on complex issues to achieve business, regulatory, and legal goals.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Counsel, July 2019 – May 2022
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati LP, Washington DC

- Conducted internal investigations of providers and suppliers in response to identified compliance concerns and government subpoenas.
- Counseled established and start-up health care providers regarding health care regulatory issues such as the Anti-Kickback Statute and the Eliminating Kickbacks in Recovery Act.
- Assisted with provider audits of Medicare and Medicaid claims and appeals.
- Developed and implemented regulatory compliance programs for healthcare providers, including durable medical equipment suppliers, medical device manufacturers, and physician groups; conducted compliance training for directors, executives, managers, and staff.
- Provided advice and recommendations to private equity companies, banks, and other investors regarding financial arrangements with health care entities.
- Drafted and negotiated transaction agreements for mergers and acquisitions of health care providers.

Consulting Attorney, January 2013 – June 2019
Associate, September 2009 – January 2013
Arent Fox LLP, *Washington, DC*

- Analyzed proposed and existing complex business arrangements for compliance with federal and state fraud and abuse laws and regulations, including the federal Anti-kickback Statute and the Stark Law.
- Advised a wide range of healthcare provider and supplier types on coding and billing issues, including conducting and guiding internal coding audits and reviews.
- Counseled private equity investors and others on coding and reimbursement issues related to emerging technologies.
- Drafted and reviewed professional and healthcare services arrangements, including medical director, therapy services, hospice, and home health agreements.
- Advised on and prepared client responses to OIG audit reports for various healthcare provider types.

Associate Counsel, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General, August 2006 – September 2009
Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Washington, DC

- Provided legal advice concerning Medicare and Medicaid laws and regulations to OIG officials, including senior management, special agents, auditors, evaluators, and attorneys.
- Performed legal sufficiency reviews of OIG audits and evaluations of providers, suppliers and the federal healthcare programs.
- Drafted legal opinions assessing Federal healthcare program payment regulations and guidance.
- Represented the OIG and HHS in personnel actions before the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; conducted related investigations and depositions.
- Lead counsel to the OIG on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act; represented OIG in tandem with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia in FOIA litigation.

EDUCATION

University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2006

- 2005-2006 Publications Editor – Journal of Environmental Law
- 2004-2005 Staff Editor, Assistant Publications Editor – Journal of Environmental Law

University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, May 2003

NOTABLE PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist: Cornell University Weill Digital Health Series #2: Regulatory Landscapes and Reimbursement Strategies and Why it Matters, April 2021.
- Co-Author: What the Stark Law Changes Mean for Medtech, Market Pathways, March 2021.
- Health Care Litigation and Risk Management Answer Book 2015, Chapter 14 Medicare Administrative Litigation, Practising Law Institute, 2015.
- Decision of District Court Remands Appeal of Administrative Law Judge's Decision, October 28, 2010 Regulation, Accreditation, and Payment Practice Group Alert, American Health Lawyers Association.
- The Curious Conundrum of Retroactivity, June 2010 Ed., The Health Lawyer.