

Special Report

Outstanding In-House Counsel to Hospitals/Healthcare Systems

Lawyer	Hospital/Healthcare System	Outstanding Achievements
Elisabeth Belmont	Corporate Counsel MaineHealth Portland, ME belmoe@mmc.org	Involved in a myriad of issues hospitals face daily, including contractual arrangements; hospital-physician relationships; medical staff bylaws and governance; credentialing; peer review; corporate organization and governance; corporate and research compliance; and patient care and consent issues.
Michael G. MacDonald	Executive Vice President & General Counsel The Mount Sinai Medical Center New York, NY Michael.Macdonald@mountsinai.org	Recent major activities include advising Mt. Sinai on restructuring of relationship with New York Univ.; structuring and implementation of a major capital project, which will include the construction and financing of a new 400,000 sq. ft. research building and the sale of various assets.
Kimberly L. Nelson	General Counsel Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates Newton, MA Kim_Nelson@vmed.org	Involved in development of a cancer center, which included licensing and implementation of a linear accelerator for radiation services. Advised affiliation agreement with academic medical institution and related integrated delivery system. Provides counsel to two tax-exempt, non-profit boards of trustees.
Frances P. Quarles	Legal Counsel HealthSouth Corporation Birmingham, AL Fran.Quarles@Healthsouth.com	Advises 94 rehabilitation and 6 long-term care hospitals in 26 states and Puerto Rico on medical staff and credentialing issues. Has advised on over 100 medical staff issues, all of which have been resolved favorably toward the company. Also advises regularly on contractual and regulatory issues.
Elizabeth A. Simpson	Senior Vice President & General Counsel MedStar Health, Inc. Columbia, MD elizabeth.a.simpson@medstar.net	Lead counsel in multiple major corporate transactions, including MedStar Health System's 2008 acquisition of Montgomery General Hospital in Olney, MD. Has undertaken multiple departmental initiatives designed to improve the quality and efficiency of in-house legal services by using cutting-edge technology.
Laurie S. Teppert	General Counsel St. Vincent's HealthCare Jacksonville, FL ltepp001@jaxhealth.com	Legal executive responsible for unique acquisition of St. Luke's Hospital, a 313-bed acute-care facility, from the Mayo Clinic. Transfer accomplished in a 24-hour period and required obtaining 2 Certificate of Needs and participating in a multidisciplinary team to obtain state licensure and Medicare certification.
Bruce Toppin	Legal Counsel North Mississippi Health Systems Tupelo, MS Bruce.Toppin@nmhs.net	Has played key role in the success of the North Mississippi Medical Center, a Baldrige Award winner last year. Provides counsel on medical staff affairs, corporate compliance, contracting, research, and various other legal matters. Also participates in educational activities for the medical and nursing staff.
Lisa Diehl Vandecaveye	Corporate Vice President Legal Affairs Botsford Health Care Farmington Hills, MI lvandecaveye@botsford.org	Responsible for the coordination of all legal services, including risk management, insurance, corporate compliance, and privacy and security. Also responsible for facilitation of labor relations, corporate board reorganization, complex financial transactions, and management of the self-insured professional liability trust.
Robert A. Waterman	Senior Vice President & General Counsel HCA Nashville, TN	Has led numerous negotiations of large corporate transactions for HCA, the nation's leading provider of healthcare services. Transactions include the sale of 21 hospitals in 1998 for \$1.2 billion, and the acquisition of Health Midwest system in Kansas City for \$1.12 billion, in April 2003.
Laurie E. Weinstein	Deputy General Counsel Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Inc. Boston, MA lweinste@bidmc.harvard.edu	Managed the transition of the faculty practice plan's corporate structure for Harvard Medical School Teaching Hospital. Played a key role in establishing and implementing the first integrated "hospital within a hospital" model of care (The Cardiovascular Institute) at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.