

Special Report

Outstanding Physician Practice Lawyers – 2007

Attorney	Firm	Outstanding Achievements
Matthew Amodeo	Drinker Biddle & Reath Albany, NY Tel. (518) 452-8787 Matthew.Amodeo@dbr.com	Practice focuses primarily on healthcare transactions and regulatory matters for physician groups, health insurers, provider networks, and ancillary providers. Emphasis on physician-hospital joint ventures, physician practice mergers and acquisitions, and managed-care contracting.
Lawrence C. Conn	Foley & Lardner Los Angeles, CA Tel. (310) 975-7728 lconn@foley.com	Has extensive experience in structuring hospital-physician arrangements and has been involved with numerous physician practice acquisitions. Practice also includes fraud and abuse and physician anti-referral legislation, reimbursement issues, mergers and acquisitions, managed care contracting, licensing, and healthcare reform.
Neal T. Goldstein	Much Shelist Denenberg Ament & Rubenstein Chicago, IL Tel. (312) 521-2457 ngoldstein@muchshelist.com	Counsels physicians on a broad range of matters, including regulatory compliance, risk management, contract negotiations, group formation, joint ventures, governance, mergers and acquisitions, and strategic planning. Specializes in representing large single-specialty groups in their formation, as well as in ongoing matters.
Michelle Stark Kaufman	Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal Kansas City, MO Tel. (816) 460-2442 mkaufman@sonnenschein.com	Helped initially structure, and then revise, a ground-breaking collaboration between a physician group client and one of the largest hospital systems in the Kansas City area. Negotiated the outsourcing for a large physician group client of essentially all of its functions and staff (other than the physicians themselves) to a third party.
Michael L. Malone	Vinson & Elkins Dallas, TX Tel. (214) 220-7712 mmalone@velaw.com	Represents an IPA of over 1,500 physicians in application before the FTC for a favorable business review letters to enable client to negotiate managed care contracts within the FTC/DOJ "safety zone." Represents more than 50 physician group clients in the full range of health law and regulatory services.
Philip S. McSween	Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz Nashville, TN Tel. (615) 726-7334 pmcsween@bakerdonelson.com	Represents physician groups, hospitals, health systems, and private and publicly traded providers nationally in connection with physician transactions. Experience includes both advising clients regarding healthcare regulatory, licensure, and reimbursement aspects of their business plans for physician joint ventures and structuring joint ventures.
Laurence B. Russell	Ober Kaler Baltimore, MD Tel. (410) 347-7384 lbrussell@ober.com	Represents physicians in planning and implementation of collaborative transactions and in licensing, scope of practice, professional compliance, and disciplinary matters. Has successfully represented healthcare providers in federal and state investigations, professional competency hearings, and licensure applications and approvals.
Michael F. Schaff	Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer Woodbridge, NJ Tel. (732) 855-6047 mschaff@wilentz.com	Practice focuses on medical practice mergers, ASCs, HIPAA, managed care contracting, healthcare regulatory issues, MSOs, physician practice management companies, physician compliance programs, physician-hospital organizations, independent physician associations, and provider sponsored organizations.
Sidney S. Welch	Powell Goldstein Atlanta, GA Tel. (404) 572-6754 swelch@pogolaw.com	Represents physicians and physician groups in regulatory matters, including federal anti-kickback statute, Stark II, False Claims Act, HIPAA, state self-referral laws, fee splitting, and the corporate practice of medicine. Counsels clients on structuring business relationships. Represents physicians in Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement issues.
Ronald L. Wisor	Hogan & Hartson Washington, DC Tel. (202) 637-5658 RLWisor@hhlaw.com	Counsels physician organizations and physician-owned providers on regulatory, compliance, and reimbursement matters. Provides specialized expertise in Federal anti-kickback and Stark physician self-referral law issues and in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for healthcare providers and suppliers.