



Catherine T. Dunlay

Partner



Cathy Dunlay is a highly-regarded health care attorney with more than 30 years of experience. Her practice is devoted to the representation of hospitals and other health care organizations in mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures, as well as contractual arrangements, including a variety of hospital-physician relationships. She also counsels clients on operational and compliance matters, including Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark physician self-referral laws and Medicare and Medicaid coverage and reimbursement issues.

Specifically, Cathy has served as counsel in a variety of transactions, including the purchase and sale of hospital and freestanding facilities; the acquisition and restructuring of hospital-owned physician practices; the formation of a variety of joint ventures, including joint ventures for hospitals and freestanding facilities; and the negotiation of management, clinical co-management and affiliation relationships.

She has been a frequent speaker at regional and national conferences. Topics include hospital acquisition of physician practices, provider-based status and under arrangements, health care reform legislation and Accountable Care Organizations.

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INDUSTRIES & PRACTICES

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Bar Admissions & Activities

- Admitted, State of Ohio, 1984
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Columbus Bar Association

Education

- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D.), 1984
- University of Cincinnati (B.A. *summa cum laude* in English Literature), 1981

Awards & Recognition

- Senior Statesperson, *Chambers USA*, Health Care, 2021; Band 2 ranking, 2016–2020
- Cincinnati Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers in America* (Health Care Law), 2021
- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America* (Health Care Law), 2007–2021
- Listed, *Ohio Super Lawyers* (Health Care), 2004–2005, 2007–2009, 2011–2020
- Cincinnati Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers in America* (Health Care Law), 2019

Catherine Dunlay is 'an absolute expert on corporate health care. You know you are going to get quality work from her.'

Bricker client as quoted in Chambers USA, 2020



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- Columbus Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers in America* (Health Care Law), 2017
- Listed, Top 50 Women Ohio, *Ohio Super Lawyers*, 2012–2014
- Listed, Top 25 Women Columbus, *Ohio Super Lawyers*, 2012–2014
- Listed, Top 50 Columbus, *Ohio Super Lawyers*, 2014
- Ranked as AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell

Presentations & Published Works

- Virtual Round Table Healthcare Law 2016, www.corporatelivewire.com

Professional & Community Activities

- Member, American Health Law Association
- Member, Board of Trustees, Arthritis Foundation, 2010–2016 (Secretary, 2015–2016)
- Member, Society of Ohio Hospital Attorneys
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Experience

Affiliation of two children's hospitals

Negotiated and prepared affiliation agreement between two children's hospitals with respect to the joint operation and ownership of one of the locations. The affiliation included a complex conversion and purchase option in favor of one of the hospitals that allowed it to purchase the other hospital outright in the event that certain "triggers" occurred.