



Cheryl L. Coon

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Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.

– Abraham Lincoln

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Education

J.D., Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, 1989
Magna Cum Laude

B.S., Baylor University, biology and medical technology, 1982
Summa Cum Laude

Profile

For over 20 years, Ms. Coon has advised clients on a broad spectrum of health law, business, corporate and environmental issues. In the health care arena, Ms. Coon's practice generally involves advising health care-related clients (physician and dental groups, ambulatory surgical centers, imaging centers and medical SPAs) concerning compliance with federal and state laws. She has experience in evaluating proposed transactions with regard to the federal Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), Stark (anti-referral) and Anti-Kickback laws; the related safe harbors; False Claims Act issues; and various state licensing laws. She can also assist with HIPAA and HITECH issues. She has experience in professional entities and their formation and can assist with drafting related corporate documents. She also can help with Medicare overpayments and other governmental or third-party payment issues, certification and licensure issues related to Texas nonprofit health organizations, and the sale or purchase of health care businesses and related issues such as fair market value.

Ms. Coon also handles due diligence in multimillion-dollar real estate and corporate transactions, and she can assist in drafting and the review of related transaction documents. Her corporate and business practice also includes assisting clients with business issues from forming and dissolving entities to drafting or negotiating various business-related documents, such as noncompetition agreements, consulting agreements, asset and stock purchase agreements, noncompete agreements, buy-sell agreements, commercial leases, management agreements, marketing agreements, confidentiality agreements and employment agreements. She also has experience in certification of minority- and women-owned businesses, and with private placement memorandum and related federal and state blue-sky laws.

Ms. Coon's environmental practice includes counseling clients on a broad array of issues from asbestos and lead paint to underground storage tanks. She has assisted clients with CERLA or Superfund litigation, disclosure and settlements, and with remediation under Texas laws, including under the Texas Voluntary Cleanup Program, Innocent Owner Certification Program and Municipal Setting Designation Program. Ms. Coon has experience in working with environmental consultants and experts and can assist clients in selecting a consultant, contracting with the consultant and reviewing related reports. She has conducted environmental due diligence for significant transactions, including acquisitions of Manhattan REIT properties, solid waste, recycling and disposal facilities, commercial airline companies, defense contracting companies, paper companies, and copper tubing and wiring manufacturing companies. Ms. Coon also can assist with issues related to determinations of wetlands, endangered species and stormwater permitting.

Ms. Coon is licensed in Texas, having graduated from Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law magna cum laude. Before going to law school, she worked at several hospitals in Texas, including Baylor University Medical Center Hospital in Dallas, as an American Society of Clinical Pathologist certified medical technologist.

Credentials

Memberships, Admissions and Certifications

- State Bar of Texas (1989)

Professional Affiliations and Memberships

- American Health Lawyers Association
- Dallas Bar Association, Environmental Section
- Tarrant County Bar Association, Chair Environmental Law Section (2006-2007, 2010-2011, 2016-2017)
- Society of Texas Environmental Professionals
- State Bar of Texas, Environmental Law, Health and Real Estate Sections
- Society of Petroleum Engineers
- Women Influencing Business Steering Committee, Tarrant County Chamber of Commerce
- American Bar Association (Environmental and Health Law Sections)

Successes and Discourses

Honors and Recognitions

- Martindale-Hubbell® AV® Preeminent™ (5.0)
- Martindale-Hubbell® 2013 Top Rated Lawyers in Health Care, published in The American Lawyer
- Corporate Counsel magazines and The National Law Journal
- Martindale-Hubbell® 2012 Top Rated Lawyers for Energy/Environmental/Natural Resources Law, published in The American Lawyer and Corporate Counsel magazines

CLC 2019 Additions to Publications and Presentations

- DOJ, OIG and OCR – Oh My: Enforcement Update on Stark, Anti-Kickback, False Claims Act and Other Federal and State Health Care Laws, 2016 Shannon Gracey Ratliff & Miller LLP Health Care Seminar
- Environmental Law & Urban Drilling: Water, Water, Water, 2012, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce Conference
- Environmental Law: What's Happening in the Barnett Shale?, 2008, Society of Texas Environmental Professionals Presentation
- Environmental Liability Update, 2007, Half Moon Surveyor Conference
- HIPAA & Texas Medical Information, Weatherford Bar Association presentation, 2016
- "Physicians Ask A Health Law Attorney A Question," Tarrant County Medical Society Women in Medicine Seminar, Oct. 2016
- Refresher Course – Keeping the DOJ at Bay, Tarrant County Physician, Sept. 2015
- Under the Surface: Unknown Elements of the Affordable Care Act, 2013 SGRM Hospitality Group Seminar
- Update on Environmental Law, 2011, SGRM Oil & Gas Seminar