

Robert Blaisdell

PRACTICE AREA: HEALTH LAW

Robert K. Blaisdell is Managing Partner and Chair of Summit Health Law Partner's Health Law practice. He works with healthcare clients to provide general business and corporate legal services and guidance on a wide range of issues, such as regulatory and corporate compliance; vendor contracting; HIPAA; medical staff credentialing and peer review; healthcare fraud and abuse, including Anti-Kickback, Stark Physician self-referral and False Claims Act analysis; nursing home and assisted living facility representation (including MassHealth audit appeals, transfers/discharges, and evictions). He has also appeared before various oversight agencies, such as the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, Board of Registration in Nursing and the Board of Registration in Medicine.

Bob is also experienced in general corporate law, employment law, and litigation.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Associate, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane

Student Prosecutor with the Essex County District Attorney's Office

Law Clerk, Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission

Contributing author, *Pattern Discovery: Labor and Employment Law*, published by Clark, Boardman, Callahan

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, J.D., cum laude,

1994 Edward F. Hennessey Scholar

Paul J. Liacos Scholar

Salem State College, B.S., magna cum laude, 1987

COURT / BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

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SERVICE AREAS

Behavioral health contracting; Compliance program development & counseling; Contract negotiations; Corporate formation, joint ventures, affiliations & other business arrangements; Corporate governance; Employment-related issues; EMTALA; Financing (tax exempt/taxable); Fraud & abuse compliance: Government investigations; HIPAA; Medicaid fraud; Medical staff governance; Medical peer review; Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement; Patient care issues; Physician compensation & financial arrangements; Physician recruitment & retention; Professional licensure and discipline; Risk management/liability; Regulatory compliance; State & federal matters; Tax exempt issues

INDUSTRIES

Academic Medical Centers; Assisted Living/Independent Living; Community Hospitals; Home/Hospice Care; Physicians & Physician Groups; Skilled Nursing

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Boston Bar Association
Massachusetts Bar Association
American Health Lawyers
Association

PRESENTATIONS

Futile Care Presentation: Conflict of Conscience – When Providers and Caretakers Disagree
Informed Consent Presentation: Informed Consent – Basic Principles and Special Considerations
EMTALA Presentation: The Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act of 1986
Assisted Living Presentation: Difficult Landlord-Tenant Issues, Termination of Residency and Resident Eviction
HIPAA and State Law Privacy Presentation: Privacy & Security of Personal Information

CIVIC & CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Coach for youth soccer and youth baseball

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- represent providers in disciplinary matters before various licensing agencies, including the Board of Registration in Medicine, the Board of Registration in Nursing, and the Division of Professional Licensure
- represent hospitals and medical staffs in physician disciplinary and peer review proceedings
- successfully defended a long-term care facility in arbitration over termination of two union employees
- successfully represented an ambulance company investor in federal civil litigation over return of his investment
- advise hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and physician practices on general corporate, employment and regulatory matters
- successfully represented providers in various discrimination actions before the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination
- represent assisted living residences and nursing homes on eviction and trespass matters