

SANDRA M. DOUGLAS

Partner

Sandi Douglas has more than twenty years of experience representing healthcare providers in professional liability litigation in state and federal courts and before regulatory boards. With a strong record of defense verdicts and favorable case resolutions, she has handled a wide variety of cases involving nearly every medical specialty. Ms. Douglas has represented healthcare providers and healthcare institutions, including hospitals, health systems, academic medical centers, physician practices, and state government entities and employees. "In addition to carefully preparing an effective defense, I approach each case with attention to the emotional toll litigation takes on the healthcare professional." Ms. Douglas also has extensive experience with employment litigation, litigation management, internal investigations, compliance, HIPAA related matters, corporate governance, risk management and media affairs.

Ms. Douglas is certified in both Healthcare Compliance (CHC) and Healthcare Privacy Compliance (CHPC) by the Compliance Certification Board. She completed George Washington University's graduate program in Healthcare Corporate Compliance taught by industry experts including current and former regulators from CMS, OIG, DOJ and OCR. Ms. Douglas has an in-depth understanding of the current regulatory focus on quality of care and patient safety. "With the shift from fee-for-service to value-based delivery and payment models, attorneys defending healthcare providers in medical malpractice, professional regulatory board investigations, and credentialing and peer review matters provide further value to the providers when they are attentive to potential regulatory enforcement actions. Lawyers handling these matters are uniquely positioned to identify and mitigate potential regulatory enforcement issues."

Ms. Douglas also serves on the Board of Directors of Sheltering Arms Hospital where she is the Chair of the Compliance Committee and a member of the Planning Committee for the Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Institute, a joint venture with VCU Health System.



Practice Areas

Medical Malpractice Defense
Medical Malpractice –
Long-Term Care/Assisted
Living Facility
Health Regulatory Boards
HIPAA/Privacy & Security
Compliance
Risk Management

Licensure

Virginia

Academic Credentials

Virginia Commonwealth
University, B.A.

Washington & Lee University
School of Law, J.D.

The George Washington
University, College of
Professional Studies & the
Milken Institute School of Public
Health, Graduate Certificate
in Healthcare Corporate
Compliance

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Court Admissions

Virginia Supreme Court

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia

Associations and Professional Memberships

Virginia State Bar

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys

American Health Lawyers Association

Health Care Compliance Association

Professional Certifications

Certified in Healthcare Compliance by the Compliance Certification Board

Certified in Healthcare Privacy Compliance by the Compliance Certification Board

Publications

Medical Malpractice Defense and the Increased Regulatory Focus on Quality of Care, Journal of Civil Litigation, Vol. XXVII, No. 4 (Winter 2015-2016)

Board Membership

Member, Board of Directors, Sheltering Arms Hospital, 2016-Present

Chair, Compliance Committee

Planning Committee for Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Institute, a Joint Venture with VCU Health System

Bylaws Committee