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Practice Areas

Health Care

With considerable experience in the practice of health care law, Debbe focuses on all aspects of the regulation of medicine and healthcare providers, assisting hospitals, physicians, and physician groups in navigating the complex areas of third party payor regulations, Stark and fraud and abuse prohibitions, and health care transactions.

Debbe has served as hospital counsel to two hospitals in Western Pennsylvania who had sought and executed Affiliation Agreements with regional hospital systems.

In addition, Debbe regularly works with physicians and physician groups in practice formation, including employment and compensation arrangements. She works extensively with hospital-based specialists and regularly negotiates contracts on their behalf with hospitals and health care systems. She has significant experience with the sale of practices to health care systems, and the transition of physicians returning to private practice. She represents medical staffs in medical bylaw review, and has assisted both physicians and hospitals in the development and review of compliance plans.

Prior to joining Houston Harbaugh, Debbe practiced health care law and represented both nonprofit and public hospitals in the state of Michigan. She has written and spoken extensively on health care law topics and was a former contributing editor with *The Physicians News Digest*.

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.
Cum Laude
- Allegheny College, B.A.

Awards/Recognition

- Best Lawyers in America®, 2006-2019

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Allegheny County Bar Association



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Publications

- **Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003**
Allegheny County Medical Society Bulletin, June 2004
- **Demystifying HIPAA - A First Step for Physician Practices**
Physician's News Digest, April, 2002
- **Evaluating Management and Billing Contracts for Potential Fraud and Abuse**
Allegheny County Medical Society Bulletin, June 27, 1998
- **Pennsylvania Managed Care Law; Its Effect on Physicians**
Allegheny County Medical Society Bulletin, August 22, 1998
- **Safe Harbors or Empty Harbors**
Hospital Law Newsletter, Volume 9, Number 2, December, 1991
- **The Michigan AIDS Laws**
A Physician's Guide to AIDS-HIV in Michigan, Michigan State Medical Society, 1989
- **Legal Aspects of Critical Care Medicine: An Evolving Standard of Care**
Text Book of Critical Care Medicine, W.B. Saunders, 1987
- **Developing Standards of Care for Critical Care Medicine**
Medicolegal Aspects of Critical Care, Aspen Publishers, Inc., 1986
- **Health Planning and Certificate of Need**
Health Policy Quarterly, Hershey and Robinson, Volume 1, No. 4, Winter, 1981
- **Adverse Occurrences in Intensive Care**
Journal of American Medical Society, Abramson, Robinson, et. al., Volume 244, No. 14, pp. 1582-1584, October 3, 1980
- **Medicolegal Standards for Critical Care Medicine**
Critical Care Medicine, Robinson, et. al., Volume 8, No. 9. pp. 524-427, 1980

Speaking Engagements

- **Health Care Transactions**
Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2011
- **Visiting Lecturer on Hospital Law**
West Virginia University School of Law, 2007 – 2010
- **Legal Issues for Physicians**
Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2003
- **Federal Privacy Regulations Simplified for Physician Practices**
West Virginia Association of Office Managers, 2002
- **Issues for Nonprofit Exempt Organizations**
Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania, 2002
- **Legal Issues for Social Entrepreneurship**
Mon Valley Providers Council, 2001
- **Compliance Plans**
BONES, National Association of Orthopedic Group Administrators, 2001
- **Legal Issues for Physicians**
Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2000
- **A Guide to Adopting an Effective Compliance Plan**
Allegheny County Medical Society, 1998
- **Sale of Physician Practices**
Spring presentation to University of Pittsburgh; Health Law Survey Course, 1998

