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Theresa Thompson is an associate in the Corporate and Securities Practice Group in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Areas of Practice

Theresa's practice focuses on healthcare fraud and abuse, particularly in matters relating to the civil False Claims Act, physician self-referral (Stark law) and anti-kickback issues, and Medicare and Medicaid program reimbursement and compliance, as well as telehealth and telemedicine. She is experienced in counseling payors, health plans, and pharmacy benefit managers in state and federal regulatory compliance, administrative inquiries and appeals, government audits and investigations, and litigation.

Theresa also regularly assists health care provider and payer clients with navigating the complex issues surrounding managed care programs, such as the Medicare Advantage Program and Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) Plans, Medicaid Managed Care Plans, and Dual Special Needs Plans. This includes experience in managed care licensure, contract applications, and appeals, marketing compliance, risk adjustment, CMS innovation models such as the Medicare Shared Savings Program and the Direct Contracting Model, and health plan operations and compliance.

Theresa received her J.D., with a Health Law Certificate, from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, where she also served as the Manuscripts Editor of the *Journal of Health Care Law and Policy*, President of the Student Health Law Organization and Treasurer of the Women's Bar Association. She is a recipient of two CALI Excellence for the Future Awards – one for the study of Health Law Fraud and Abuse and the other for Written and Oral Advocacy – and was part of a team that won first place in the Fifth Annual Health Law Regulatory and Compliance Competition.

While attending law school, Theresa became a Certified Student Attorney at the University of Maryland's Public Health Law Clinic and worked with the Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy. She also interned at:

- the Division of Technical Payment Policy of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, where she analyzed the Stark Law and recommended potential regulatory clarifications for key terms;
- the Health Policy, Patient Advocacy and Project Management Department of a not-for-profit Catholic health system in Maryland; and
- the office of Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter of New Hampshire.

Articles

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Memberships

Member, American Bar Association

Member, American Health Lawyers Association

Member, Phi Beta Kappa

Practices

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Education

J.D., University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, 2016, *cum laude*

B.A., Bowling Green State University, 2012, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

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