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Kelli Novak focuses her practice on health care law, with particular emphasis on health care privacy matters, and assists a variety of industry clients with their litigation, business, and regulatory needs.

While in law school at The University of Toledo College of Law, Kelli was a summer associate with Cleveland Clinic's Law Department and a legal extern for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Through these invaluable experiences, she developed a clear understanding of client expectations and applies this unique perspective to diverse issues faced by health care clients.

Since her admission to the Ohio bar in 2013, Kelli has litigated cases on behalf of institutions and providers, primarily including the defense of actions for medical malpractice, dental malpractice, nursing home negligence, and personal injury. She also has developed a niche practice defending hospitals and individual providers in cases involving alleged medical privacy violations. Kelli's litigation experience spans across many Ohio state court jurisdictions and federal courts, as well as arbitration proceedings.

Kelli also counsels clients when they are faced with important business decisions, such as drafting and negotiating contractual terms and performing due diligence and risk assessments related to transactions. In these situations, Kelli offers significant insight into compliance issues unique to the health care setting.

In her practice, Kelli frequently helps clients navigate complex health care regulatory issues, including billing disputes with and audits by government and private payors, Medicare and Medicaid provider enrollment suspensions and revocations, state licensure and certification requirements, fraud and abuse assessments, and HIPAA and HITECH concerns.

Born and raised in Michigan, Kelli is proud to now call northeast Ohio home. She lives in Avon Lake with her husband Brian, their two sons, and their family beagle. In her free time, Kelli enjoys cooking, following professional and college sports, and spending time with her family on Lake Erie.

Education

- The University of Toledo College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2013); Order of the Coif; The University of Toledo Law Review, Executive Articles Editor
- University of Michigan (B.A., 2010)

State Admissions

- Ohio, 2013

Federal Admissions

- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Service Areas

- Health Care
- Medical Malpractice Litigation
- Life Sciences Litigation
- Fertility Litigation
- Medical Privacy
- Health & Life Sciences M&A Transactions
- Long Term Care
- Health & Life Sciences
- Privacy & Data Security

Experience

Medical Privacy Experience

- Represented hospitals and individual providers in 10+ cases involving allegations of medical privacy violations, in a variety of settings, all resulting in favorable outcomes
- Analysis and successful enforcement of contractual terms for indemnity between parties (covered entity and business associate) involved in medical privacy litigation
- Drafting HIPAA-compliant notices of privacy practices
- Preparing and negotiating HIPAA business associate agreements on behalf of covered entities and business associates
- Navigating privacy issues in civil litigation and administrative actions, including responses to subpoenas and investigations, and discovery disputes

Publications & Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Health Care News You Can Use,” Tucker Ellis 2024 In-House Counsel Summit, Cleveland, Ohio (October 2024)
- “[Federal and State Health Law Year in Review](#),” Health Care Law Update & Medical/Legal Summit 2017, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association/Academy of Medicine Education Foundation/The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio (March 2017)
- “Who’s a HIPAA Business Associate? How Do You Know?”, presentation co-author, National Business Institute’s HIPAA Compliance Boot Camp, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Cleveland, Ohio (September 2016)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Lingua Negoti Blog Posts](#)
- “[Surprise! Balance Billing Prohibitions Coming in 2022](#),” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (March 2021)
- “[2018 Healthcare Compliance Outlook for Boards of Directors](#),” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (March 2018)
- “Stirring the Pot: Local Municipalities’ Influence on Prosecutorial Discretion Under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMMA) and an Ultimate Call for Reform of the MMMA,” 44 U. TOL. L. REV. 481 (2013)

Honors

- The Best Lawyers in America® (2026)
- Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars® (2022, 2023)

In the Community

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Defense Research Institute