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PRACTICES

Corporate

INDUSTRIES

Healthcare

EDUCATION

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, J.D., 1982

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, M.B.A., 1980

Southwest Missouri State University, B.A., 1975

BAR ADMISSIONS

Nevada
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Connie Akridge helps insurance and healthcare clients with a wide range of litigation, administrative, and regulatory matters.

30 Years' Experience: Using the experience she's gained in 30 years of practice in this highly specialized area, Connie works closely and proactively with her insurance and healthcare clients to make sure they are in compliance with new and existing laws and regulations.

Insurance and Healthcare Clients: Connie's clients include HMOs, managed care organizations, health insurers, hospitals, physicians, and ancillary healthcare providers. She provides comprehensive assistance to captive insurers and liability risk retention groups.

EXPERIENCE

Administrative and Regulatory Matters

Connie proactively advises her insurance and healthcare clients regarding state and federal laws and regulations related to their formation and operations including:

- Patient protection and Affordable Care Act
- Insurance certificate of authority applications
- Financial and Market Conduct examinations
- Insurance Holding Company Act
- Disciplinary matters
- Insurance company supervision or receivership
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Integrated delivery systems
- Healthcare contracting
- Risk-shifting reimbursement arrangements (bundling and capitation)
- Population Health Management Models
- Healthcare Collections, Receivables and Finance
- Medical Staff Issues
- Peer Review
- Corporate practice of medicine
- Licensing of pharmacies, laboratories, facilities and professionals.

Litigation

Connie vigorously represents clients before administrative agencies and in state and federal courts in matters involving:

- Managed care
- Insurance
- Reinsurance

CLIENT RESULTS

Administrative and Regulatory Matters

Assisted provider client whose wanted to take global risk in obtaining a health insurance certificate of authority.

Assisted a hospital system in exploring various structures to partner with providers to create its own health plan.

Litigation

PacifiCare of Nevada, Inc. v. Rogers (October 27, 2011) – The Court reversed the district court's order denying a motion to compel arbitration. It ruled that the parties did not expressly rescind the arbitration provision upon renewal of the original contract, so the provision survived. The Court also determined that since the Medicare Act expressly preempts any state laws or regulations with respect to Medicare Advantage plans, the Act preempts Nevada's unconscionability doctrine to the extent that it would regulate federally approved Medicare plans.

Morrison v. Health Plan of Nevada, Inc. (June 10, 2014)–The Nevada Supreme Court affirmed a district court judgment that a Medicare beneficiary's state common law negligence claim against his private health insurance company, through which he was receiving Medicare benefits, is preempted by the federal Medicare Act.

PUBLICATIONS

"Affordable Care Act Fraud & Abuse Provisions Every Physician Should Know About," *Clark County Medical Society, County Line*, September 2012

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Health Care Reform: Next Steps for Nevada," *State Bar of Nevada and Nevada State Medical Association*, 11/16/2012

"Advising Clients After ACA," *William S. Boyd School of Law*, 10/01/2012

"NRS Title 57 Provisions Governing Provider Reimbursement," *Nevada State Medical Association's Third Party Payer Conference*, 05/15/2012

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Health Care Law, 2025-2027

- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rating
- State Bar of Nevada Bryan K. Scott Trailblazer Award, 2022
- State Bar of Nevada Volunteer of the Year Award, 2018
- State Bar of Nevada Medal of Justice Award, 2015
- Clark County Legal Services Pro Bono Project Lied Award, 2003
- William S. Boyd School of Law Public Interest Law Association, Community Service Award, 2002
- Clark County Bar Association Martin P. Dowling Volunteer of the Year Award, 2001

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Nevada Bar Foundation, President
- Nevada Access to Justice Commission, Member
- State Bar of Nevada, Member, Past President, Founder and Member of Insurance and Health Law Section
- Clark County Bar Association, Member, Past President
- Nevada Bar Foundation, Member, Past President
- American Health Lawyers Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Health Law Section, Member, Past Member House of Delegates
- Nevada Supreme Court Bench-Bar Committee, Member
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Federal Bar Association, Member
- Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys, Member
- UNLV Center for Democratic Culture, Board of Directors
- Nevada Commissioner of Insurance Life & Health Advisory Committee, Member
- Women Business Leaders of the U.S. Health Care Industry Foundation, Member (2008-Present).
- National Risk Retention Association, Member