



## MIRIAM H. STRAUS

### OF COUNSEL

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Miriam Straus is a member of the firm's Litigation practice group. She is an experienced health care attorney who works with pharmaceutical companies, laboratories, physicians and other health care providers. Miriam represents clients in matters such as government investigations, potential violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute and False Claims Act lawsuits.

Miriam also counsels clients on compliance with health care fraud and abuse laws, HIPAA and employment matters. She has litigated discrimination and other employment-related lawsuits. She has also reviewed numerous physician employment contracts and advised clients on matters such as noncompete provisions, bonuses and termination.

Miriam's deep experience in health care is an extension of many years spent in Washington, D.C., in which she drafted policies for the District of Columbia's Medicaid expansion and health insurance marketplace and published articles on health care developments.

### BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Miriam was a public interest attorney at a nonprofit organization and an associate at a mid-Atlantic law firm, where she represented clients in a variety of matters involving health care, employment and higher education. She was also an associate at a Pennsylvania law firm where she represented physicians and other health care providers in litigation, privacy compliance and transactional matters. In addition, she has past experience serving as a program analyst for the Department of Health Care Finance in Washington, D.C.

Prior to law school, Miriam was a legislative researcher for Congressional Quarterly, where she tracked legislation, profiled members of Congress, and wrote articles on pertinent health care news and legislation.

### EDUCATION

- George Washington University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2012)
  - GW Law Immigration Clinic, Student attorney
- Brown University (B.A., 2006)
  - Political Science

### SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Litigation

Health Care and Life Sciences

Employment and Labor

Internal Investigations and

Regulatory Compliance

White-Collar Criminal Defense

and Government

Investigations

### ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

U.S. District Court, Eastern

District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court, Middle

District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court, District of

New Jersey

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Health Lawyers Association

## CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Philadelphia VIP (Pro Bono Volunteer)

## ACCOLADES

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®, Rising Star (2019)

## EXPERIENCE

### **Representation of Major International Pharma Company in Internal Investigation**

Represented a major international pharmaceutical company in an internal investigation related to a patient support program that provides financial assistance to Medicare patients.

### **Representation of Major International Pharma Company in Qui Tam Litigation**

Represented a major international pharmaceutical company in *qui tam* litigation alleging violations of the False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Statute.

### **Provided Counsel to Pharma Company in Connection with Policies and Procedures**

Assisted a major pharmaceutical company with a comprehensive update of policies, including on issues such as interactions with healthcare providers, sponsorships, educational grants, exhibits and charitable donations, to ensure compliance with federal regulations and industry practice.

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

February 2015

### **Risks and Requirements for Employer Wellness Programs**

New Jersey State Bar Association Health Law Section Newsletter

October 2014

### **Open Payments Data Released**

American Health Lawyers Association Email Alert

May 2014

### **Hospital Groups File Lawsuits over Two-Midnight Rule and Hospital Payment Reduction**

American Health Lawyers Association Executive Summary

April 2014

### **More Joint Enforcement Actions May Come After LabMD**

Law360

April 2014

**CMS Publishes Medicare Payment Data for Physicians**

American Health Lawyers Association Email Alert