

# IN THE NEWS

## Butzel Long attorney Susan Patton featured recently at Michigan Hospital Association's Winter Leadership Conference

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**ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Butzel Long** health industry attorney **Susan Patton**, was a featured speaker recently at the Michigan Hospital Association's Winter Leadership Conference in Traverse City, Ms. Patton's presentation focused on the Office of Inspector General Compliance Initiatives and the impact of the Stimulus Bill on health care providers.

Ms. Patton has 29 years of experience in the health industry, including 22 years of experience representing nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations, and serving as in-house counsel for the third largest Catholic health care system in the United States, where she represented numerous tax exempt subsidiaries in transactions and joint ventures with taxable for profit entities. Butzel Long has one of the leading health care practices in Michigan, and represents clients in select matters in several markets throughout the U.S.

Ms. Patton's expertise in health care transactions includes joint ventures and JOAs facility and licensed professionals licensing, OIG and CMS regulatory compliance health information technology, Internet based business models distressed hospitals and hospital closures electronic medical records e-prescribing virtual ICUs teleradiology international offshore outsourcing mergers, acquisitions and sales of health providers and suppliers governance compensation employment, independent contractor and management contracts real estate group purchasing and supply chain nonprofit corporations hospital based physician relationships physician organizations PHOs, IPAs Catholic health systems tax exempt status and intermediate sanctions.

In addition, she has experience with Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross and third party payor payment and reimbursement fraud and abuse and Stark shared services and leased employees, EMTALA and on-call coverage ASCs intellectual property and technology imaging centers, IDTFs HIPAA medical device manufacturers, IRBs, RAC and MAC audits and appeals corporate and securities issues buy sell agreements operating agreements JCAHO accreditation consortiums retiree health VEBAs bylaws strategic planning medical staff matters and credentialing new technologies.

Moreover, her clients have included municipal and private for profit and nonprofit hospitals and hospital systems, skilled nursing facilities, pharmacies, DME home health care rehabilitation facilities CORFS rural health clinics FQHC's state and municipal agencies, HMOs, PPOs, TPAs, self-insured employer groups, physicians, for profit and nonprofit corporations, limited liability companies, PCs, PLLCs and other licensed health professionals and other providers and payors throughout the United States.

Her nonprofit experience includes, the formation of non-profit stock, membership and directorship corporations the formation and qualification for tax-exempt status of nonprofit clients borrower's counsel in tax-exempt and taxable financings for multi-hospital and long-term care systems participation in one of the largest coordinated examination program (CEP) audits ever by the IRS client counseling regarding TBOR2 regulations, disqualified persons and intermediate sanctions, private use rules for tax-exempt bonds, and other matters. She continues to be highly involved in matters pertaining to the corporate practice of licensed health professions.

Ms. Patton graduated from Wayne State University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1979) where she was Articles Editor of the *Wayne Law Review*. In 1976, she earned her M.A. from Wayne State University (1976) and graduated from the University of Michigan (B.G.S., *cum laude*, 1973).

Ms. Patton is an active member of the State Bar of Michigan and is a current member and former Chair of the Health Care Law Section. She served as Editor of Newsletter Editor of Record Retention Manual and Consent Manual Collaborated with ICLE on first co-sponsored Health Care Law Institute and served as a Council Member. She also is a member of the State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section, and served on the Nonprofit Corporation Subcommittee. Her memberships also include the National Health Lawyers Association and the Michigan Society of Health Care Attorneys, where she formerly served on the Board of Directors. Ms. Patton has contributed guest articles to numerous publications.

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