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Laura helps clients in the health care industry including hospitals, physician and dental groups, health care professionals, nursing homes, assisted living communities and nonprofits navigate a broad range of regulatory and transactional matters.

As chair of the Healthcare and Insurance Division, Laura's firm grasp of health law and key health care legislation, along with her ability to identify creative solutions, make her a trusted resource for her clients.

Laura counsels clients on complex transactions, mergers and acquisitions, professional and facility licensing matters, governance, medical staff matters, nonprofit organization and tax exemption matters, patient care legal issues and clinical trial regulations. Laura has a particular understanding of issues unique to rural health care providers, including critical access hospital regulations and exceptions to fraud and abuse laws specific to rural areas, as well as in public hospitals, including the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and Open Meeting Law.

Prior to joining Stinson, Laura served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Lorie Skjerven Gildea, Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Health Care & Life Sciences
Health Care Providers
Insurance & Health Plans
Life Sciences

ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D.,
magna cum laude, 2012

- Order of the Coif
- Law School Public Service Program

St. Catherine University, B.A., Mathematics and History, Political Science minor, *summa cum laude*, 2009

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Antonian Scholar Honors Graduate

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EXPERIENCE

Laura has extensive experience assisting clients with the requirements of the Stark Law, Anti-Kickback Statute, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) and other significant regulations.

Experienced in complex health care transactions, Laura represented a Minnesota hospital district in conversion to a nonprofit hospital organization and has represented several critical access hospitals in affiliations with larger health systems.

Laura has counseled physicians in the formation of professional firms and the negotiation of professional services agreements.

Skillfully navigating regulatory requirements and business needs, Laura has advised hospitals and health plans on obtaining and maintaining tax exempt status and structuring supporting organizations to achieve business objectives.

Laura has represented health care professionals in more than 30 complaints before professional licensing boards in Minnesota.

Experienced in hospital-medical staff relationships, Laura has advised hospitals on medical staff bylaws, credentialing, corrective action and fair hearing matters.

RECOGNITIONS

Selected to the 2024 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*©

Minnesota Lawyer Up & Coming Attorney, 2021

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Minnesota State Bar Association, Health Law Section Governing Council

St. Catherine University, Board of Trustees

CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Lorie Skjerven Gildea, Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court

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American Health Lawyers Association

Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society

Past Board Member: Minnesota Justice Foundation, Care Providers of Minnesota Foundation, Gilda's Club Twin Cities

NEWS

Stinson Partners Laura Nelson and Iain Johnson Recognized as Up & Coming Attorneys by *Minnesota Lawyer*

07.16.2021

Stinson Elects Six New Partners in 2020

01.09.2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Charity Care," Northwestern University, December 2022

"Medical Facility and Practitioner Licensing – The Fundamentals Plus Special Telehealth Issues," Minnesota Health Law Institute, June 2022

"Addressing Substance Use Disorder in Healthcare Professionals," Minnesota State Bar Association Health Law Section, December 2021

"Telemedicine: Regulatory Framework and Trends," Medical Professional Liability Association Corporate Counsel Workshop, October 2021

"Telemedicine 1 – Navigating the Legal Challenges of Licensing, Scope of Practice, and Standard of Care," Minnesota Health Law Institute, June 2021

"Avoid Regulatory Road Rage: Understanding the Local Transportation Safe Harbor to the Anti-Kickback Statute," Minnesota Coalition on Cancer Network, July 2019

"Hot Topics for Medical Staff Leaders and their Counsel," Minnesota Health Law Institute, June 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Featured, "Called to Serve," *SCAN, the Magazine of St. Catherine University*, June 2014

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Public Comment Period Open for New Assisted Living License Regulations

12.17.2020

DOL FFCRA Rule Revising “Health Care Provider” Definition

09.21.2020

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