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■ *Career Experience*

- Regulatory Affairs Counsel, Florida Medical Association, 2007–2010
- Assistant General Counsel, Florida Department of Health, 2005–2007
- Private civil practice, 2000–2005

■ *Admitted to Practice*

- State of Florida 2000
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida

■ *Professional & Community Involvement*

- Member, Health Law Section, The Florida Bar
- Member, Administrative Law Section, The Florida Bar
- Member, American Health Lawyers Association
- Member, Access Tallahassee
- Member, Health and Human Services Team, Governor–Elect Rick Scott Transition.
- Florida Legal Elite, Up and Comer, 2011.
- Member, Friends of The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library

■ *Education*

- J.D., The Florida State University College of Law, 2000
- B.S., The Florida State University, 1997

■ *Extended Profile*

Jennifer Hinson practices administrative and health law with an emphasis on representing licensed professionals in licensure and disciplinary matters before their respective regulatory agencies and professional boards. Jennifer represents clients before the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Business Professional Regulation, the Department of Financial Services, the Office of Financial Regulation, and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. In addition to representing health care professionals in licensure and disciplinary matters, Jennifer's health law practice also includes administrative rule making, contract drafting and review, HIPAA compliance, privacy issues, Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement issues, federal and state anti-kickback and self-referral issues, and regulatory consulting. Jennifer's practice includes administrative and civil litigation.

Jennifer began her career representing employers and insurance carriers in workers' compensation disputes. In this capacity, Jennifer regularly litigated benefit entitlement issues before Judges of Compensation Claims.

As an Assistant General Counsel at the Department of Health, Jennifer prosecuted physicians before the Florida Board of Medicine. Her responsibilities included evaluating investigations of complaints made against health care practitioners and recommending action accordingly. Jennifer drafted emergency suspension orders and administrative complaints against practitioners alleged to be in violation of the law. In this capacity, Jennifer successfully litigated numerous cases at the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.

While at the Florida Medical Association, Jennifer had the opportunity to examine, in depth, the many regulatory issues affecting Florida's physicians. As Regulatory Affairs Counsel, Jennifer monitored both state and federal issues relating to physician licensure, discipline, reimbursement, and other areas that affect the practice of medicine. Jennifer regularly participated in agency meetings and rule workshops at the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Department of Financial Services. Jennifer also represented the Florida Medical Association before the Florida legislature.

While at the FMA, Jennifer was legal counsel to Florida's impaired practitioner program, the Professionals Resource Network, Inc. As a result of this representation, Jennifer is well versed in federal and state substance abuse treatment and confidentiality laws and has extensive experience in all areas pertaining to the operation of impaired practitioner programs, including financial and contract compliance audit issues. Jennifer's experience also provides a basis for her to represent professionals whose substance abuse or mental health issues threaten their careers and the organizations that are faced with these issues.

Jennifer is General Counsel to the Sarasota County Medical Society and the Charlotte County Medical Society.

Presentations:

Numerous workers' compensation case law updates to insurance adjusters seeking continuing education credits.

Health Law Hot Topics, Florida Bar annual meeting.

Board of Medicine Update, Capital Medical Society; Sarasota County Medical Society

How to Lobby for Physician Friendly Legislation, Florida Medical