



HEALTHCARE GROUP

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Roberts Carroll Feldstein & Peirce's Healthcare Group offers a one-stop, comprehensive, industry-focused platform of proven experience, knowledge, resources and success serving the complex needs and challenges facing health care providers in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. For over 40 years, members of our Healthcare Group have provided informed, responsive and cost-effective legal representation to health care clients who are operating in a highly competitive environment while managing the burden of intense regulation and compliance within a financial framework of expanding costs and shrinking reimbursements.

Our Healthcare Group provides extensive experience in all types of business matters and transactions, a breadth of knowledge of the sector's regulatory and compliance environment and a medical malpractice defense team, widely considered Rhode Island's preeminent practice, with an established record of success in jury trials.

We also counsel clients in areas of risk management, certificates of need, professional accreditation, credentialing, licensing and disciplinary actions as well as matters related to HIPAA, Medicare, Medicaid and ERISA.

Combining the experience and skills of relevant practices across the firm, our team of seasoned attorneys appears regularly before the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, and the Rhode Island General Assembly. Whether serving as lead trial attorney in a landmark professional liability case, or advisor on a critical employee issue, our goal is to become our client's business partner as well as legal counsel, bringing a keen awareness of the current and emerging trends affecting all parties operating in this dynamic and challenging industry.

REPRESENTATIVE HEALTHCARE CLIENTS

- Clients of the Healthcare Group include:
- Physicians, Dentists and other Healthcare Providers
- Practice Groups
- Hospitals
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Professional Liability Insurers

REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS, DEALS OR MATTERS

- Advised two hospital chains comprising a majority of hospital institutions in Rhode Island regarding implementation of the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 and the Rhode Island Patient Safety Act.
- Assisted a nursing home through a re-financing via the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Advised hospitals regarding their obligations under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA).
- Presently acting as co-chief defense counsel in class action pending Rhode Island's trial court involving fifty defendants regarding the use of intrauterine devices.
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- After four week jury trial, obtained a defense verdict for a gastroenterologist who was alleged to have failed to properly diagnose and treat an infection which ultimately led to the loss of the plaintiff's eye.
- Guided an assisted living facility through a tax exempt financing.
- Negotiated an agreement between a Rhode Island based distributor and a publicly traded, multi-national medical device provider.
- Successfully represented hospital and obstetrician in proceeding before the family court concerning the hospital's ability to provide blood products to a pregnant minor, whose parents objected on 1st amendment grounds.
- Secured a dismissal without payment on behalf of an obstetrician of a lawsuit, which alleged that the doctor had failed to properly manage labor and delivery of a patient in preterm labor and that as a result the child had significant impairments including cerebral palsy and optic nerve damage
- Received a defense verdict for a general surgeon in a case arising out of bowel perforation where the plaintiff sought \$2,000,000 from the jury.

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- *Lifespan Risk Services Legal Defense Boot Camp Seminar, “Electronic Fetal Monitoring: Strip Interpretation and Legal Strategies*, Rhode Island Hospital, 8/15/17
- *When Medicine and Religion Collide: Treating Jehovah’s Witness Patients*, Care New England, Kent Hospital, 3/28/17
- *Advance Directives & Opioid Management*, Westerly Hospital, MRM Group, Seminar for Westerly Hospital providers, 2/17/17
- *Rhode Island Mental Health & the Law 2017*, Sheraton Providence Airport Hotel, Providence, PESI, Inc. Seminar for Practicing Mental Health Providers, 1/27/17
- *Addressing Confidentiality and Disclosure Issues: Behavioral Health Professionals in Primary Care*, The Rhode Island Quality Institute, Care Transformation Collaborative-Rhode Island Seminar, 10/13/16
- *Rhode Island Mental Health & the Law 2016*, Providence Hilton Hotel, Providence, PESI, Inc. Seminar for Practicing Mental Health Providers, 2/12/16
- Lifespan Risk Services Seminar, “*The Last Place I Want to Be...* ”: A Mock Deposition Experience, Rhode Island Hospital, 11/20/2015
- *Lifespan Risk Rounds Seminar*, Lifespan Outpatient Medicine providers, Rhode Island Hospital, 7/16/2015
- *Death Certificate Seminar*, Care New England, Kent Hospital, 2/12/15
- *Panel Discussion relating to Health Privacy Laws in Rhode Island*, Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services/Healthcentric Advisors Seminar, 11/13/14
- *Rhode Island Mental Health & the Law 2014*, Marriott Hotel, Providence, PESI, Inc. Seminar for Practicing Mental Health Providers, 10/16/14
- *Ethics & Risk Management: The Legal Perspective for Health Ed*, Radison Hotel Warwick, Practicing Mental Health Providers, 11/14/13
- *Risk Management in Social Work: Legal and Ethical Issues and Strategies*, Rhode Island College, Practicing Social Worker Seminar, 9/27/13
- *Best Practices: Avoiding and Defending Malpractice Suits and Claims*, Care New England Risk Management, Risk Management Pediatric Conference, , 11/5/11
- *Cases & Claims: Lessons Learned From Radiology Malpractice Lawsuits*, 9/21/2010 Informed Consent for Medical Practice Administrators, Women & Infants Hospital Practice Managers Conference, 11/1/11; Kent Hospital Practice Managers Conference, 6/14/11
- *Your Practice and Rhode Island Mental Health Law: Navigating the Waters*, Rhode Island Psychological Association, 4/8/11
- *Tips on Testifying as an Expert Witness*, Butler Hospital Psychiatry Residents Seminar, annually since 2007