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OVERVIEW

Ellee knows the ultimate goal in regulatory healthcare: providing the highest quality care to patients.

Ellee represents hospitals, physicians, managed care companies, and other healthcare entities in their regulatory compliance and day-to-day operations. She enjoys learning the details of clients' unique objectives, at times serving as sole outside counsel for both small and large healthcare providers. Ellee counsels clients through a variety of state and federal regulations, including:

- Medicare and Medicaid enrollment and reimbursement
- Medicaid supplemental payment programs
- Fraud and abuse laws
- Government and private audits
- Medical staff governance
- Patient issues

"Ellee is a wonderful attorney and provides the highest level of client service. She is very communicative and I never have to worry about a project being dropped."

— Chambers USA 2025

Industry

Healthcare

Services

Corporate

Healthcare M&A, Joint Ventures, and Other Transactions

Healthcare Providers

Healthcare Regulatory & Compliance Counseling

Medical Staff & Governance

Mergers & Acquisitions

No Surprises Act

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Clients appreciate Ellee's experience as a former litigator and appellate lawyer, as well as representing physicians before state licensing agencies, including the Texas Medical Board, and assisting hospitals through the physician peer review process. She frequently helps clients navigate highly sensitive issues by conducting internal investigations and root cause analysis. Ellee is also skilled in guiding clients with responding to requests under the Texas Public Information Act. She anticipates issues and works closely with clients to offer tailored, practical solutions, with a novel ability to avoid problems before they start.

Experience

- Represents hospitals and providers with regard to participation in state's Medicaid managed care program and related compliance issues.
- Represents various managed care entities, including accountable care organizations (ACOs), in complying with federal and state regulations.
- Advises providers on performing internal compliance investigations, including self-disclosures.
- Advises hospitals and providers on compliance with Medicare and Medicaid managed care regulations.
- Counsels clients regarding Texas regulatory agency compliance, with significant experience regarding Texas Medical Board and Texas Department of Insurance requirements.
- Counsels clients regarding medical staff issues such as peer review and quality assurance.

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Recognition

- *Austin Monthly* magazine
  - Top Austin Attorney, Healthcare, 2022-2026
- BL Rankings' *The Best Lawyers In America®*
  - Health Care Law, 2026 and 2027
- BL Rankings' *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Health Care Law, 2024 and 2025
- *Chambers USA*, Healthcare, 2025-2026
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2023

Education

- J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law
  - *magna cum laude*
  - *St. Mary's Law Journal*, Editorial Board-Comment Editor, Volume 43, 2011-2012
  - *St. Mary's Law Journal*, Staff Writer, 2010-2011
  - St. Mary's Institute on World Legal Problems at the University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria,
    Summer 2010
- B.B.A., Texas Tech University
  - Marketing
  - *summa cum laude*

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Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- Wyoming

Clerkships

The Hon. Paul W. Green, Texas Supreme Court

Community Leadership

- Daughters of the American Revolution, James McHenry Chapter, San Antonio, Texas
- Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnus, Vice President Standards
- Meals on Wheels
- Volunteer Healthcare Clinic, Board of Directors, Secretary



2026 Austin Monthly Top Attorneys

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