



# Elizabeth "Lisa" Thomas

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## OVERVIEW

Lisa is a trusted advisor to clients across the healthcare industry who are contemplating major strategic initiatives to enhance their businesses in a rapidly evolving marketplace. She practices from Charleston, South Carolina as a member of our virtual office, The Link.

For over three decades, Lisa has served as a trusted advisor to healthcare providers, and during that time, she has helped industry leaders overcome the challenges of a constantly changing marketplace. She routinely tackles her clients' major strategic events, such as mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic alliances, and reorganizations, as well as providing day-to-day legal advice addressing critical areas of concern, including fraud and abuse, physician self-referral laws, enrollment and certification, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, managed care contracting, hospital-physician alignment strategies, privacy and governance issues.

Lisa's healthcare provider clients span the breadth of the industry itself and include physician groups, regional and national hospitals, long-term care facilities, diagnostic testing facilities, surgery centers, and medical equipment suppliers, among others.

As the industry has consolidated, Lisa has advised clients on the challenges that come with larger, more complex, multistate operations. She has assisted clients during the M&A process—helping them navigate the extensive web of government regulation

## Industries

Education

Healthcare

Life Sciences

## Services

Business Immigration and Global Mobility

Healthcare Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Healthcare Labor & Employment and Immigration

Healthcare Litigation

Healthcare M&A, Joint Ventures, and Other Transactions

Healthcare Operations

Healthcare Private Equity

Healthcare Providers

Healthcare Regulatory & Compliance Counseling

Medicaid Reimbursement Strategies

Medical Staff & Governance

Mergers & Acquisitions

Securities & Corporate Governance

and in working through complicated executive-level employment agreements—as well as providing key advice post-merger across virtually all areas of operation.

Lisa also guides clients through billing investigations by various federal and state agencies, as well as private payors, and she advises clients with regard to voluntary disclosures of overpayments.

Most recently, Lisa has completed Mediator Training with the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) with a view toward expanding her negotiating skills as a mediator of healthcare disputes.

Lisa is a frequent speaker and author and has provided numerous articles and presentations for American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA), the South Carolina Hospital Association, and several physician specialty associations regarding healthcare compliance, Stark and anti-kickback law, and corporate transactions.

## **Experience**

- Represent buyers and sellers in mergers of physician practices in various specialties.
- Serve as lead counsel in multiple physician practice acquisitions by hospitals and private equity firms.
- Serve as co-general counsel to non-profit hospital.
- Serve as lead Counsel for hospital-based physician practice group.
- Represent clients in formation of urgent care centers, medical spas and functional medicine practices with non-physician ownership.
- Represent clients in formation of surgery centers.
- Serve as lead counsel to multi-state independent diagnostic testing facility.
- Serve as lead healthcare counsel to multi-state clinical laboratory.
- Serve as lead healthcare counsel in multiple sales of assisted living facilities and urgent care facilities.

## Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
  - Health Care Law, 2010–2026
  - Previously designated *Best Lawyers*® Health Care Law "Lawyer of the Year," Charleston, SC

## Education

- J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law
  - Recipient, Dean's Medallion for First Honor Graduate
  - *South Carolina Law Review*, Associate Editor-in-Chief of Articles
  - Order of the Coif
  - Order of the Wig and Robe, Chief Justice
  - John Belton O'Neil Inn of Court, Pupil Member
- B.A., Emory University
  - Classics & Humanities

## Admissions

- South Carolina
- U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

Lisa is associated with the Washington, DC office for telephone purposes only. She is not admitted to practice in the District of Columbia.

## Community Leadership

- General Counsel, Mayzck Wraggborough Neighborhood Association

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