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Kristen Nelson is a Shareholder in the Health Law Section. Her practice focuses on professional licensure defense, Medicare and Medicaid audits and overpayment disputes, government investigations and enforcement actions, the False Claims Act, and Medicare exclusion actions. Kristen has negotiated successful resolutions for healthcare and business professionals before the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Drug Enforcement Agency; and childcare centers before the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. She also represents clients before the Wisconsin Division of Hearings and Appeals, Office of Lawyer Regulation, Wisconsin State Courts, the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Kristen regularly consults with criminal and employment attorneys in the course of their representation of licensed professionals. She understands how the unique and potential collateral consequences a conviction or termination can have on a licensed individual. Kristen works collaboratively with the licensed professionals' attorneys to help mitigate damage to their professional livelihood as well as complying with any reporting requirements to employers and state and federal regulatory agencies.

Kristen is active in several health law associations including currently serving as a member of the Health Law Section Board for the State Bar of Wisconsin. She is also the President of the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library Board.

#### Areas of Practice

- Health Law
- Government Enforcement and Internal Investigations
- Regulatory Compliance and Fraud and Abuse
- Professional Liability

#### Education

- DePaul University, Certificate in Health Law, J.D.
- University of Illinois, B.S.

#### Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit

#### Professional and Civic Associations

- State Bar of Wisconsin, Health Law Section Board of Directors
- American Health Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association (Health Law Section)
- Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association (EDWBA)
- Milwaukee Bar Association
- Association for Women Lawyers (AWL)
- Professional Dimensions

#### Honors and Accomplishments

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- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Health Care Law (2024-2026), Litigation - Health Care (2025-2026)
  - Wisconsin Law Foundation, Fellow

## Community Involvement

- Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library, Board of Directors