



S. Craig Holden

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Craig Holden, former co-chair of Baker Donelson's Health Law Group, focuses his practice on health law with particular emphasis on matters involving Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, Medicare and third-party reimbursement, and compliance. He also serves as a mediator in health-care-related disputes.

Mr. Holden represents clients in all areas of the health care industry, advising clients on Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, pharmaceutical pricing issues, Medicare and other third-party reimbursement issues and general compliance matters.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Holden has represented numerous health care providers in high-profile resolutions of False Claims Act investigations involving allegations of billing fraud, as well as Stark and Anti-kickback violations. He has also resolved numerous Stark and Anti-kickback issues through the CMS and OIG self-disclosure protocols. He has also served as the OIG-approved Independent Review Organization under several Corporate Integrity Agreements.

Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Holden served as a trial attorney with the Inspector General Division, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). At HHS, he was responsible for litigating actions imposing civil money penalties and assessments, as well as suspensions from Medicare and Medicaid participation, based on violations of the Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse statutes. In that role, he was extensively involved in issues arising under the anti-kickback provisions of the Social Security Act and in the drafting and passage of the Medicare and Medicaid Patient and Program Protection Act of 1987.

Mr. Holden is the immediate past president and a former member of the Board of Directors of the American Health Law Association. He served on Baker Donelson's Board of Directors from 2017 to 2023. Mr. Holden is a frequent lecturer and author on Medicare and Medicaid fraud, abuse and reimbursement issues.



Professional Honors & Activities

Professional Memberships

- Member – American Bar Association
 - Forum on Health Law
- Member – [American Health Law Association](#)
 - Fellow
 - President (2020 – 2021)
 - Board of Directors (2011 – 2017, 2018 – 2021)
- Member – District of Columbia Bar Association
 - Section on Health Law

Honoraries

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Health Care Law (2007 – 2026)
- Named the Best Lawyers® 2019 and 2016 Health Care "Lawyer of the Year" in Baltimore
- Listed in *Maryland Super Lawyers*, Health Care (2007 – 2018)
- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Health Care lawyer in Maryland (2011 – 2025); Health Care lawyer Nationwide (2011 – 2020)
- Listed in *Who's Who Legal* in Healthcare (2020)

- Named a "BTI Client Service All-Star" (2019)
- Listed in *The Legal 500* (2012, 2013 and 2015)
- Named a "Life Science Star," *LMG Life Sciences* (2012 – 2015)
- Listed in *Expert Guides to the Leading Lawyers – Best of the Best USA*, Healthcare Category (2007, 2011 and 2013 – 2014)
- Selected by *Nightingale's Healthcare News* as one of its "Outstanding Fraud & Compliance Lawyers" (2005)
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell



Professional Background

- Former trial attorney, Inspector General Division, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services



Publications

- Co-author – "Regulatory Sprint: Understanding the Impact on the Stark Law, Anti-kickback Statute, and Value-based Arrangements" (December 2020)
- Co-author – "HHS/OIG Finalizes Rule Stripping PBM Rebates of Safe Harbor Protection," republished in *Westlaw* (December 2020)



Speaking Engagements

- "The Time is Now - Medicare Advantage/Medicaid Managed Care Comes to the Forefront of Enforcement," AHLA Fraud & Compliance Forum, Baltimore, Maryland (September 2018)
- Moderator – "Anatomy of False Claims Act Case," HCCA'S 3rd Annual Healthcare Enforcement Compliance Institute, Washington, D.C. (October 2017)
- Co-presenter – "The Time Is Now–Medicare Advantage/Medicaid Managed Care Comes to the Forefront of Enforcement," AHLA Fraud and Compliance Forum, Baltimore, Maryland (October 2017)
- "Advanced Stark Issues," Institute on Medicare and Medicaid Payment Issues (March 2017)
- "New Compliance Red Flags Workshop," G2 Intelligence Workshop (May 2014)



Webinars

- 2022 Health Care Outlook (March 2022)
- 2021 Health Care Outlook (February 2021)



Education

- George Washington University Law School, J.D., 1980, with high honors
 - Order of the Coif
- Catholic University of America, B.A., 1976, magna cum laude



Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Court of Appeals of Maryland
- Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland