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Catherine Wrenn, office managing shareholder for Baker Donelson's virtual office, helps health care providers and businesses navigate the litigation landscape.

Ms. Wrenn has significant experience in representing clients in all stages of litigation and a variety of forums, including in state, federal, and administrative courts and before regulatory agencies. She represents clients in various industries, including health care and energy.

She advises and assists health care providers – such as physicians, hospitals, dialysis clinics, clinical laboratories, home health and hospice providers, skilled nursing facilities, and assisted living facilities – with regulatory compliance, risk management, and matters that involve contract and billing disputes, audits, licensing, wrongful death, personal injury, negligence, and non-compete agreements. Her experience also includes qui tam and False Claims Act litigation; Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse investigations; and negotiations with state regulatory agencies, the OIG, and the DOJ.

Ms. Wrenn's representation of corporations is expansive, involving disputes over business ownership, product liability, breach of contract, premises liability, insurance procurement, commercial landlord-tenant disputes, and breach of warranty allegations. Additionally, she represents regulated utilities before state public service commissions.

As a seasoned litigator, Ms. Wrenn has substantial trial, arbitration, and appellate experience.

Representative Matters

- Represented health care providers in wrongful death litigation.
- Provided successful qui tam defense of two of North Carolina's largest hospital systems in federal court and before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Represented a large resort developer at jury and bench trials and successfully defeated all claims of fraud, conspiracy, and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Represented a modular home manufacturer at jury trial and obtained a defense verdict on all claims of fraud, breach of warranty, and unfair trade practices.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a financial institution in a multi-million dollar lawsuit alleging fraud and lender liability.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a corporate entity in a personal injury case involving significant burn injuries.
- Represented health care providers and relators in qui tam/False Claims Act actions, including the defense of two large North Carolina hospital systems.
- Negotiated multiple settlement agreements with the OIG on behalf of health care providers.
- Represented health care providers, including long term care communities, hospitals, and dialysis clinics, in wrongful death litigation.
- Advised long term care facilities in both state and CMS appeals regarding survey citations.
- Successfully defended a publicly traded company in trial against allegations of breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract. Obtained award of attorneys' fees in favor of the client.
- Obtained a defense verdict for a manufacturing company in a trial regarding warranty claims.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Recipient – 2025 South Carolina Influential Women of Law Award (2025)
- Recognized in *Charleston Business Magazine's* Legal Elite in Healthcare (2023)
- *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly's* 2023 Leadership in Law Class
- Recognized as a member of the South Carolina Legal Elite in Health Care, Insurance (2022)
- Recognized in *Greenville Business Magazine's* Legal Elite, Business Litigation, Health Care (2021); Insurance (2023)
- Selected by *Super Lawyers* for the South Carolina Rising Stars list in Health Care, Business Litigation, and Personal Injury – General (2012 – 2020)
- Member – Federal Bar Association



Publications

- "Temporary Regulatory Relief for South Carolina Health Care Providers Responding to Hurricane Helene" (October 2024)
- Co-author – "Long-Term Care: Regulatory Issues, Enforcement, and Liability," Chapter by Alissa D. Fleming, Catherine F. Wrenn, and Katherine Denney, *HEALTH LAW HANDBOOK*, WestGroup, a Thomson Company (2023 Edition)
- "Tips for Long Term Care Providers' Prevention of and Defending Against Quality of Care Allegations" (March 2023)
- "Baker's Dozen – Tips for Practicing Mindfulness," *Women's Initiative Newsletter* (January 2023)
- "Baker's Dozen – Negotiated Risk Agreements in the Assisted Living Community Setting" (September 2022)



Speaking Engagements

- "Lunch & Learn: Chevron – We Hardly Knew Ye," South Carolina Bar Association (October 2024)
- "How to Think about Nursing Home Litigation," Duke University Geriatrics Fellowship Program's Advance Course in Long Term Care (March 2024)
- "Emerging from the Emergency: Legal and Regulatory Challenges in the Post-PHE Era," Association For Home & Hospice Care's (AHC) 51st Annual Convention & Exposition (April 2023)
- Moderator – "Regulatory Pressure Points in a New World: A Post-Pandemic Preview," 2022 Baker Donelson Long Term Care Symposium (November 2022)
- "Quality of Care/Resident Abuse & Neglect in Long Term Care," North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association (NCHCFA) (October 2022)



Education

- University of South Carolina, J.D., 2007, cum laude
 - Production Editor – *ABA Real Property & Probate Journal* (2006 – 2007)
 - Order of the Wig and the Robe (2007)
 - Phi Delta Phi (2004 – 2007)
- Wake Forest University, B.S., 2004, cum laude



Admissions

- South Carolina, 2007
- Federal Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Any result the lawyer or law firm may have achieved on behalf of clients in other matters does not necessarily indicate that similar results can be obtained for other clients.