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Overview

Jim Kennedy primarily represents hospitals, physicians, multispecialty clinics, and long-term care providers. He regularly counsels clients on health care business transactions, joint ventures, managed care contracting, risk management issues, and fraud and abuse prevention.

Jim is a sought-after speaker on issues related to the Affordable Care Act, ACOs, clinical integration strategies, and payment reform initiatives. His professional honors include listings in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Chambers USA*. He is board certified in health law by the Florida Bar, a distinction earned by less than one percent of all lawyers admitted to practice in the state.

Areas of Focus

Practices

- [Health Care](#)
- [Business Transactions](#)
- [Mergers and Acquisitions](#)

Industries

- [Health Care](#)

Insights

03.21.2020

Florida Restricts Medically Unnecessary, Non-Urgent, or Non-Emergency Procedure or Surgery

03.18.2020

Telehealth Benefits for Medicare Beneficiaries During COVID-19 Outbreak

News

05.21.2021

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2021 Guide

11.19.2020

University of Florida Health Shands Deputy General Counsel Bernabe A. Icaza Joins Carlton Fields in Tampa

04.23.2020

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2020 Guide

05.03.2019

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2019 Guide

02.27.2019

Carlton Fields Adds Health Care Attorney in Tampa

08.16.2018

Former Senior VP from Tampa General Lands at One of Tampa Bay's Largest Law Firms

08.15.2018

Tampa General Hospital's SVP, Compliance, Legal, and Risk Management Jonathan "Tre" Dixon III Joins Carlton Fields

07.09.2018

Super Lawyers Honors 81 Carlton Fields Attorneys on 2018 Florida “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars”

06.29.2018

Emil Hirsch Featured in Law360’s Health Hires

06.28.2018

Emil Hirsch Joins Carlton Fields in Washington, D.C.

05.07.2018

Tampa-based WellCare Health Plans, Inc. Corporate Counsel Joins Carlton Fields

05.04.2018

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in 2018 Chambers USA Guide

08.15.2017

78 Carlton Fields Attorneys Named “Best Lawyers in America”

06.23.2017

Florida Super Lawyers Ranks 92 Carlton Fields Attorneys as 2017 “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars”

Recognition

- Board Certified in Health Law by the Florida Bar
- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Chambers USA* (2007–2019, 2021–2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Health Care Law (2003–2024)
- Florida Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2006–2023)
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend Magazine*
- "12 to Watch in 2012," *Attorney at Law Magazine* (2012)
- "Best Health Care Attorney," Florida, *Florida Medical Business*

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Health Lawyers Association
- The Florida Bar
- Florida Academy of Hospital Lawyers
- Florida Hospital Association

Speaking Engagements

- "Regulatory Update for Physicians," BayCare Health System (October 2018)
- "Regulatory Executive Orders Issued by President Trump," Houston RIMS (October 2017)
- "Post Election Stress Relief Syndrome – What to Expect," Carlton Fields In-House Counsel Forum, Orlando, FL (March 2017)

Credentials

Education

- DePaul University College of Law (J.D., 1982)
- Florida State University (B.S., 1979)

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Industry Specialization

Certifications

- Health Law

Background

- Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, Tampa, FL (1992–2010)
- Shareholder, Carlton Fields (1984–1992)