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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*, Health Care Law, from 2003 through 2022, and in *Chambers USA*, Healthcare, from 2007 through 2019 and 2021. 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.

Jim is the chair of the firm's Health Care Practice.

All Insights

03.20.2020 Florida Restricts Medically Unnecessary, Non-Urgent, or Non-Emergency Procedure or Surgery

03.18.2020 Telehealth Benefits for Medicare Beneficiaries During COVID-19 Outbreak

All News

05.21.2021 Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2021 Guide

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"
06.28.2018	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)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Health Care Law (2003–2022)
- Florida Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2006–2021)
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend Magazine*
- Named one of the "12 to Watch in 2012" by *Attorney at Law Magazine* (2012)
- Twice named "Best Healthcare Attorney" in Florida by *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)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Florida State Courts

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

INDUSTRY SPECIALIZATION

CERTIFICATIONS

- Health Law

Background

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

Areas of Focus

PRACTICES

- Business Transactions
- Mergers and Acquisitions

INDUSTRIES

- Health Care