

Cathy S. Dorvil

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Clients know I'm responsive, pragmatic, and honest about the situation. Looking at the big picture, I understand what they have on the line and will take a strategic, cost-efficient approach.

Cathy Dorvil is a fearless litigator for health care and commercial clients across the U.S. Her previous careers in occupational therapy and health program management have given her a perspective that many health care litigators do not have. She can speak the language of her clients including medical providers, billing companies, Medicaid managed care organizations, insurance companies, and home health and community-based care organizations like mental health facilities, nursing homes, and hospices. Health care clients turn to Cathy for counsel on disputes related to fraud and abuse, Medicaid and Medicare enrollment and payment, vendor and billing contracts, credentialing, payment, personnel, and insurance. Cathy is also an experienced commercial litigator, representing and defending various entities including billboard companies, educational institutions, municipal and government organizations, and nonprofits in complex contractual matters. She handles cases in administrative, state, and federal courts. She quickly gets up to speed in identifying risks and appropriate solutions in the clients' best interests. No matter what is at stake, she will provide her clients with an honest assessment of the cost/benefit analysis of litigation. She regularly speaks nationwide on fraud and abuse and other health care litigation topics and trends.

Experience

Represented a national Medicaid managed care organization in a complex contract dispute over \$30 million before the American Arbitration Association

Successfully tried multiple business disputes before a jury

Represented an insurer in a reimbursement dispute with an out of network substance abuse treatment center

Services

- Audit Counsel: PPP Loans and Other Investigations
- Corporate Governance and Risk Management
- Fraud, Compliance, & Reimbursement
- Health Care
- Health Care Facilities
- Health Care Litigation
- Labor and Employment
- Litigation and Risk Management
- Municipal Litigation and Representation
- Physician Practices
- Professional Liability Defense
- Regulatory and Administrative Proceedings
- eHealth, Data Privacy, and Security

Industries

- Education
- Health Care
- Long-term, Home, and Community-based Health Care
- Media, Publishing, and Entertainment
- Municipal and Government

Represented physicians in credentialing disputes with insurance company

Represented a Florida Medicaid managed care organization in Medicaid fair hearings before the state regulatory agency

Represented multiple providers, billing companies, and health care entities in qui tam actions

Represented physicians and nurses in disciplinary actions by the Department of Health

Provided regulatory counseling related to HIPAA, Stark Law, and the Anti-Kickback statute to health care providers

Represented international bank agency in state regulatory matters and obtained dismissal of a Florida Office of Financial Regulation license revocation proceeding

Represented educational institution in Title IX settlement

Represents municipal and government entities in complex contractual matters

Represents mental health institutions in emergency hospitalizations and complex matters

Associations

Professional

- American Health Law Association, 2015-present
- Women's White Collar Defense Association, Member

Bar Associations

- Tennessee Bar Association, Health Law and Litigation Sections, Member
- Florida Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Health Care Section, Member

Pro Bono

- Assisted client in obtaining order of protection
- Represented victims of human trafficking in dependency proceedings and investigations, 2013-2015
- Assisted in drafting revised public health laws for the Republic of Liberia, 2010-2012
- Represented Jamaican man in immigration matter, 2014-2015
- Assisted in drafting handbook of international human trafficking laws, 2014
- Volunteer lawyer with Dade Legal Services, 2013-2014

- Transportation and Logistics

Admissions

- Florida
- Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida

Education

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law, magna cum laude, 2009
- M.S., Harvard University of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health, 2001
- B.S., University of Puget Sound, cum laude and honors, 1996

Noteworthy

- Chattanooga Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2024
- *Best Lawyers in America* "Chattanooga Litigation - Health Care Lawyer of the Year," 2023
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Litigation – Health Care
- Leadership Chattanooga, 2021 Class
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Mid-South Rising Stars, Health Care, 2019
- *40 Under 40 Outstanding Lawyers* of Miami-Dade County Award
- *University of Miami Law Review*

Community

- Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga, Board Member
- Skyuka Hall, Board of Directors
- Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti, Board of Directors
- Chattanooga Community Kitchen, volunteer
- Dade Legal Aid, Advisory Board, 2013-2015
- Pazapa Center for Children with Disabilities, Advisory Council, Former Board Member
- Foster parent
- Food Bank volunteer

Sidebar

Before settling down in Chattanooga, Cathy experienced all four corners of the U.S., living in L.A., Seattle, Boston, and Miami. Cathy enjoys spending time with her children and is also an avid outdoors fan. She loves hiking, camping, canoeing, and kayaking with her family. Cathy has three beautiful adopted children – Meola, Melinda, and Brithny. At home, she has the most spoiled rescue bloodhound ever, Jane. Cathy's familial spirit doesn't just stop with her kids. She has been a foster parent for many years and thinks of her former foster children as "her babies." Before practicing law, Cathy spent many years in Haiti as an occupational therapist and then as the director of a health program. She's contributed to amazing health programs in Bangladesh and Guatemala, as well.