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PRACTICE AREAS

- Insurance Audit and OMIG Audit Defense Attorneys
- Health Law
- Hospital Representation
- Practice Formation & Corporate Structure
- Nursing Homes
- Health Care Fraud and Regulatory Enforcement
- Regulatory and Corporate Compliance
- Health Law Managed Care
- Compliance Programs
- Physician WCB Authorization & IME Issues

Barbara Stegun Phair is a Partner at Abrams Fensterman, LLP.

Ms. Phair focuses her practice on all aspects of health care law. She counsels health care providers on a broad range of issues, including legal and regulatory compliance, fraud and abuse, licensing, certification and enforcement, Medicare, Medicaid and third-party reimbursement, provider contracting and transactional issues, survey certification and enforcement, audits, advance directives, health care decision making, refusal of treatment and patients' rights issues. In addition, she represents health care providers at administrative proceedings. A respected health law attorney, Ms. Phair develops and implements corporate compliance and HIPAA compliance programs for health care providers and advises and represents providers with respect to compliance issues and investigations.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Phair worked as a registered nurse in various areas of health care, ranging from direct patient care to administration, and including discharge planning, quality assurance and utilization review in both the private and public sectors.

Ms. Phair is a member of the Surrogate Decision Making Committee, which is administered by the New York State Commission on Quality Care for the Mentally Disabled and of the Executive Committee of the New York State MOLST Statewide Implementation Team. In addition, Ms. Phair has been appointed by the courts in various counties as court evaluator and guardian under Article 81 of the Mental Hygiene Law.

Ms. Phair has been published in professional and industry journals and is a contributing author to Long Term Care Facility Survey and Certification Guide, a comprehensive publication on the federal survey and certification process published by Eli Research, Inc. and the Legal Manual for New York Physicians, Fourth Edition, co-published by the New York State Bar Association and the Medical Society of the State of New York. Ms. Phair has presented programs to various health care and professional organizations on such topics as corporate compliance, HIPAA, fraud and abuse, advance directives, regulatory issues, patients' rights and guardianship.

Ms. Phair earned her Juris Doctor degree from St. John's University School of Law, a Master's in Public administration concentrating in Health Policy, Planning and Administration from New York University, and a B.S., cum laude, in Nursing from Hunter College. She is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, The Health Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and the Hospital and Health Law, Elder Law and Estates & Trusts Committees of the Nassau Bar Association. She also serves on Board of Directors of the New York Metropolitan Chapter of The American Association of Nurse Attorneys.

CERTIFIED LEGAL SPECIALTIES

- Registered Professional Nurse
- New York State Utilization Review Screen Preparer
- RUG II Case Mix Reimbursement Assessor

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York

EDUCATION

- St. John's University School of Law, J.D.
  - Law Journal: Journal of Legal Commentary
- New York University, Master's in Public Administration, Major: Health Policy, Planning and Administration

- Hunter College, New York, New York, B.S.(Cum Laude), Major: Nursing

PUBLISHED WORKS

- Legal Manual for New York Physicians, 6th Ed., Contributing Author, Chap. 33, Patient/Resident Rights, New York State Bar Association (2020).
- Legal Manual for New York Physicians, 5th Ed., Contributing Author, Chap. 33, Patient/Resident Rights, New York State Bar Association (2017).
- Long Term Care Facility Survey and Certification Guide, Contributing Author, Chapter 13, Specialized Rehabilitation Services, Eli Research, Durham, N.C. (2000).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Health Lawyers Association, Member
- Nassau Bar Association, Member, Hospital and Health Law Committee
- Nassau Bar Association, Member, Elder Law Committee
- Nassau Bar Association, Member, Estates & Trusts Committee
- Nassau County Women's Bar Association, Member
- New York State Bar Association, Health Law Section, Member
- The American Association of Nurse Attorneys, Member
- New York State Surrogate Decision Making Committee, Member
- New York State Molst Statewide Implementation Team, Member

FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

- **Abrams Fensterman Sponsors 2026 Zimmet Conference** — 08/14/2026
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/events/abrams-fensterman-sponsors-2026-zimmet-conference
- **Abrams Fensterman Sponsors and Exhibits at HIA-LI's 38th Annual Trade Show & Conference** — 06/01/2026
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/events/abrams-fensterman-sponsors-and-exhibits-at-hia-lis-38th-annual-trade-show-conference
- **Abrams Fensterman Named Tier 1 Best Law Firm® in Health Care Law – Long Island (2026)** — 11/10/2025
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/awards/abrams-fensterman-named-tier-1-best-law-firm-in-health-care-law-long-island-2026
- **Abrams Fensterman Recognized as a Tier 1 Law Firm for Health Care in Long Island by Best Lawyers® for 2025** — 11/07/2024
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/abrams-fensterman-recognized-as-a-tier-1-law-firm-for-health-care-in-long-island-by-best-lawyers-for-2025
- **Health and Human Services Department Releases Nursing Home Owner, Manager Disclosure Rule** — 12/08/2023
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/health-and-human-services-department-releases-nursing-home-owner-manager-disclosure-rule
- **New Notice Requirement for Health Care Transactions** — 05/03/2023
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/new-notice-requirement-for-health-care-transactions
- **Office of the Medicaid Inspector General Releases Compliance Guidance** — 03/27/2023
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/office-of-the-medicaid-inspector-general-releases-compliance-guidance

- **COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Extended** — 12/14/2022
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/client-alert-covid-19-public-health-emergency-extended
- **Governor Signs into Law Bill Adding to Nursing Homes' Pandemic Emergency Plan Requirements** — 12/08/2022
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/governor-signs-into-law-bill-adding-to-nursing-homes-pandemic-emergency-plan-requirements
- **Updates to Nursing Home Residents' Rights** — 05/01/2022
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/client-alert-updates-to-nursing-home-residents-rights
- **Understand the Use of Various Advance Directives** — 11/11/2013
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/events/understand-the-use-of-various-advance-directives
- **Clinical and Administrative Update** — 11/11/2013
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/events/clinical-and-administrative-update
- **Advanced Directives: An Elementary Review** — 11/30/2011
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/events/advanced-directives-an-elementary-review
- **Palliative Care Information Act Signed into Law** — 10/31/2010
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/palliative-care-information-act-signed-into-law
- **What Every Doctor and Lawyer Should Know about Health Care Decision Making** — 10/06/2010
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/events/what-every-doctor-and-lawyer-should-know-about-health-care-decision-making