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PRACTICE AREAS

- Health Law
- Nursing Homes
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Municipal Law
- Insurance Audit and OMIG Audit Defense Attorneys

Colleen was born and raised on Long Island and now works in Abrams Fensterman's Albany office. Her practice includes representation of skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, physicians and other health care industry-related clients (both for profit and not-for-profit) in the area of health care compliance and litigation, with a specific focus on regulatory compliance. She has particular expertise assisting clients with matters before the New York State Department of Health, the Department of State, the Department of Education and various other State agencies. Colleen also served as an Assistant Town Attorney for years in the Town of Glenville. Colleen brings over a decade of New York State government experience, having worked in several roles for the New York State Legislature and the New York State Division of Budget.

Prior to joining Abrams Fensterman, Colleen worked with another Long Island Firm in their healthcare compliance department as well as a Capital District law firm where she worked on a wide range of state and federal civil litigations, including Article 78 actions, on behalf of nursing homes and adult care facilities. Colleen used her knowledge of State government and administrative law to help clients navigate the regulatory framework in New York and produce favorable results.

Colleen has deep interest in environmental and land use matters. While in law school, she was the student co-editor-in chief of the New York Environmental Lawyer. She has broad experience in providing counsel on environmental and land use matters, representing various groups in opposition to proposed projects ranging from short-term rental law proposals to landfills and “glamping” projects, but also served as a town planning and zoning attorney, giving her a unique skill set to handle the environmental cases she decides to take on.

During her law school career, Colleen continued her work at the New York State Division of Budget in their Legal and Procurement Unit, working on Medicaid issues, agency guidance and nursing home litigation, as well as the review of major State contracts. Colleen participated in externships with the Honorable Mae D’Agostino of the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York and the New York State Attorney General’s Litigation Bureau. Colleen is an elected delegate in the New York State Bar Association’s House of Delegates and a member of the Health Law Section.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

EDUCATION

- Albany Law School, *Magna Cum Laude*
- SUNY Albany

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Elected Delegate in the NYSBA’s House of Delegates
- Member of NYSBA, Health Law Section

HONORS AND AWARDS

- The Best Lawyers in America® – Healthcare Law, 2027
- Upstate New York Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars – Healthcare, 2026, 2027

MEDIA

- HHS Watchdog Puts Failing Nursing Home Program On Blast (Quoted), Law360, November 4, 2025

FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

- **44 Abrams Fensterman Attorneys Recognized in 2026 New York Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars** — 10/25/2026

https://www.abramslaw.com/media/awards/44-abrams-fensterman-attorneys-recognized-in-2026-new-york-super-lawyers-and-rising-stars

- **Colleen Pierson Selected to 2026 Upstate New York Super Lawyers® Rising Stars** — 10/01/2026
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/colleen-pierson-selected-to-2026-upstate-new-york-super-lawyers-rising-stars
- **12 Abrams Fensterman Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers® 2027** — 08/21/2026
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/awards/12-abrams-fensterman-attorneys-recognized-in-best-lawyers-2027
- **Abrams Fensterman Sponsors 2026 Zimmet Conference** — 08/14/2026
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/events/abrams-fensterman-sponsors-2026-zimmet-conference
- **Abrams Fensterman Partner Colleen Pierson Featured in Law360 on Federal Oversight of Nursing Homes** — 11/20/2025
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/news/abrams-fensterman-partner-colleen-pierson-featured-in-law360-on-federal-oversight-of-nursing-homes
- **Abrams Fensterman Welcomes Partner Colleen Pierson to Health Law Practice in Albany** — 07/16/2025
  https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/abrams-fensterman-welcomes-partner-colleen-pierson-to-health-law-practice-in-albany