

# In Honor of Mental Health Awareness Month – Introducing Carolyn Reinach Wolf

## FEATURED ATTORNEY

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**Carolyn Reinach Wolf**

Executive Partner

*By Carolyn Wolf*

In honor of National Mental Health Awareness Month, each week we'll introduce members of the Mental Health Law Practice at Abrams Fensterman. This week we highlight [Carolyn Reinach Wolf](#), Executive Partner & Director of the Firm's Mental Health Law practice.



Carolyn is the only attorney in the country with a family-focused mental healthcare practice. Supported by a team of attorneys and paralegals, she specializes in guiding families through the complex landscape of legal issues that impact loved ones with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder issues. She also represents institutions, such as [major hospital systems](#), community hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and outpatient programs, as well as mental health and healthcare professionals, and higher educational institutions. A New York Times profile of her is available [here](#).

Carolyn's expertise encompasses mental hygiene law, including retention and treatment over objection psychiatric cases; mental health warrants; capacity determinations; informed consent and medical treatment cases; confidentiality and release of records matters; interaction with law enforcement in family matters, health care facilities and institutions of higher education; Kendra's Law applications (Assisted Outpatient Treatment Orders); Article 81 [guardianship proceedings](#); civil and [criminal litigation](#) and negotiation specific to [mental health issues](#); consultation and advice in navigating the mental health system and legal interventions in the inpatient and outpatient treatment settings as well as mental health issues in the higher education setting.

Prior to practicing law, Carolyn was a hospital administrator and Director of Hospital Risk Management.