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INDUSTRY FOCUS

Healthcare, Life Sciences & Education

PRACTICE AREAS

Higher Education
Education
Hospitals & Health Systems
Healthcare Transactions
K-12 Education

ADMISSIONS

Illinois
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2002
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, 2000

EDUCATION

J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law, 1995
B.A., Lake Forest College, 1992

Lisa advises higher education institutions on a variety of matters. Her practice is dedicated to counseling and representing post-secondary institutions in the areas of institutional and programmatic accreditation, regulatory compliance, risk management, litigation and student-related concerns. She has extensive on-the-ground industry experience at large and small educational institutions. As a former vice president for Kaplan Higher Education Campuses, she gained in-depth knowledge in compliance, management and strategic initiatives as she oversaw accreditation for 58 campuses.

Before working at Kaplan, Lisa was a partner at Winston & Strawn, where she handled all facets of litigation for various corporate clients. This experience included handling an array of complex litigation matters on behalf of large corporate clients, including healthcare companies, advising on intellectual property, advertising, product liability, class action defense and contract and employment disputes.

Previously, Lisa spent three years as in-house legal counsel for the global healthcare company Abbott Laboratories. She also served as an adjunct professor at Northwestern University Law School from 2007-2009.

Representative Experience

- Represents large state university in federal lawsuit related to faculty speech and First Amendment rights.
- Assisted nursing college with appeal before the Illinois Board of Higher Education related to revocation of its operating authority.
- Provided counsel to 100 percent online university in responding to academic concerns raised by its institutional accrediting agency.
- Assisted college in successfully avoiding potential probation from its regional accrediting agency based on governance concerns.
- Coordinated quick, effective response to U.S. Department of Education, accrediting agency and state regulator related to the financial stability of a vocational college.
- Provided guidance to nursing college preparing for initial programmatic accreditation approval.

Awards and Recognitions

- Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2009

Professional Associations and Memberships

- Black Women Lawyers' Association
- Chicago Bar Association, Alliance for Women, Board of Directors, 2009

Civic Involvement

- Donnelly College, Board of Trustees
- Level Playing Field Foundation, treasurer, 2011-present

Clerkships

- The Hon. Charles A. Shaw, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, 1995-1997

Publications and Presentations

- Co-Presenter, "Diversity Requirements in Accreditation and Risk Management Considerations," Association of Specialized & Professional Accreditors Fall Conference, September 11, 2017.
- Moderator, "Can Civility Be Regulated?" National Association of College and University Attorneys Annual Conference, June 2017
- Co-presenter, "Title IX: The Tidal Wave of New Sexual Misconduct Guidance," 2015 Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, March 2015
- Speaker, "The Human Component of College Human Resources," Florida Association of Post-Secondary Schools and Colleges, July 2014
- Speaker, "Don't Get Blindsided by the Incredibly Broad Reaches of the Federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act," Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities (APSCU) Annual Convention, June 2014
- Speaker, "Cell Phones – Texting, Default Management & Enrollment Efforts under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act," Private Career Colleges & Schools Region V Conference, May 2014