

Health Law

The lawyers in the Health Law Group are dedicated to serving the legal needs of all individuals and organizations involved in the delivery of health care. Our clients include all regulated health care professionals, such as physicians, dentists, pharmacists, naturopaths, chiropractors, nurses, physiotherapists, massage therapists, optometrists, as well as the owners and operators of health care facilities, institutions and clinics, both big and small.

Our Health Law Group is dedicated to being informed and up to date on all medical-legal issues and changes in the law that impact the delivery of health care in Canada.

Health care is an increasingly complex area and involves many different areas of law. The lawyers in our Health Law Group have backgrounds in regulatory health law, litigation, corporate law, business law, tax law, litigation and labour and employment law. They understand the unique requirements inherent in carrying on a health care enterprise in today's regulatory environment. They also know that delivering our expertise most effectively means taking the time to understand our clients and their businesses.

Our Health Law lawyers have experience and expertise in the following areas and are able to assist you with your Health law needs:

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

- **Regulatory College matters:** Representation of all regulated health professionals in defending College complaints, investigations, discipline matters, quality assurance and fitness to practice matters, including representation for Appeals (i.e. Reviews) to HPARB and the courts, including judicial review
- **Registration and Certification matters:** Advice to applicants, including foreign health care professionals on obtaining Certification in Ontario and elsewhere across Canada
- **Licensing Examination Appeals:** Representation of health care professionals in appeals of failed licensing examinations and in appealing eligibility decisions
- **Professional Liability (malpractice) Defence:** Defence of all types of health professionals and health clinics in malpractice cases
- **OHIP Appeals:** Representing patients in appeals to OHIP/HSARB for reimbursement of out of country medical expenses
- **Hospital Privilege Issues:** Representation of physicians in hospital privileges, by-laws, physician rights and medical staff policy matters

- **Risk Prevention advice:** Advice to all health professionals on professional standards and guidelines, privacy laws, informed consent, capacity, capacity assessments, powers of attorney and guardianship issues
- **Practice Documents:** Drafting of privacy policies and specialized consent forms for medical, dental, physiotherapy and other clinics

BUSINESS AND CORPORATE

- **Practice Purchase:** Providing advice and representation with regard to the purchase and sale of medical/dental/other practices and clinics and establishment of new practices/clinics
- **Professional Corporations:** Advice on professional corporation formation for dentists, physicians and other health care professionals, along with tax law advice and planning, including shareholders' agreements
- **Corporate Structure:** Advice on corporate structure for medical, dental, physiotherapy and other practices
- **Practice Agreements:** Drafting of associate, partnership, cost-sharing, consultant agreements and franchise agreements for clinics
- **Practice Planning:** Financial, business and tax planning for health care professionals and related ventures
- **Leasing:** Lease negotiations for health care professionals and practices
- **Financing:** Drafting of financing and construction contracts for health care centres

HEALTH CARE VENTURES

- **Health Law Opinions:** Advice on regulatory laws and compliance with regard to the establishment of “novel” health care ventures, including but not limited to executive medical clinics, specialized medical practices, surgical centres, etc.
- **Food and Drug:** Advice on Food and Drug licensing and regulatory matters and representation of physicians, pharmaceutical companies and biotech start-ups on Food and Drug regulatory and licensing matters, including those involving Health Canada

RELATED PRACTICES

- Regulatory and Compliance
- Insurance Litigation
- Life Sciences
- Employment & Labour