

BARBARA C. COLOMBO

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Saint Paul, Minnesota

2007 to Present

Director, Health Law Institute & Health Care Compliance Certification Program
Professor of Law

Responsible for all substantive management and leadership of the Health Law Institute and the CCB (Certified in Health Care Compliance) accredited Health Care Compliance Certification Program

- Comprehensive oversight of program curriculum including ongoing modifications to reflect best practices in health care compliance education
- Lead faculty with substantial teaching responsibilities
- Management and development of all program adjunct faculty
- Championed initial CCB accreditation process
- Serve as chief liaison with CCB for all substantive program modifications
- Responsible for launch of on-line program option
- Oversight of all aspects of program marketing and advertising
- Lead efforts to establish collaborative partnership to offer MBA with a concentration in health care compliance
- Support overall MHSL revenue goals through non-JD tuition from working professional program
- Created our proprietary CHC Exam Toolkit available exclusively to our students to assist them in preparing for the CHC exam
- Provide current and former students with support as they transition from school to health law and/or compliance careers through resume assistance, mock interviews, references when appropriate, and letters of recommendation when appropriate

Additional responsibilities include:

- Committee assignments
- Investigator: Alleged Student Code of Conduct Violations
- Title IX Team: Adjudicator
- Leadership and development assistance with numerous HLI events including National Speaker Series

Minnesota Racing Commission, Saint Paul, Minnesota

2015 to Present

Commissioner

One of nine commissioners appointment by Governor Mark Dayton responsible for the regulation of horse racing, as well as pari-mutuel gambling

Colombo Group Legal and Policy Consulting, Minnetonka, Minnesota

2000 to 2007

Principal

Provided independent legal and policy guidance to health care clients including physician practice groups, hospitals, health plans, and individuals

- Collaborated on the development of new products
- Advised providers on risk management strategies to mitigate exposure to the federal fraud and abuse laws
- Drafted internal policies and procedures
- Assisted in the creation of effective governance structures

Minnesota Department of Health, Saint Paul, Minnesota
Assistant Commissioner

1991 to 1999

Bureau for Health Safety, Promotion and Quality of Care

- Responsible for the regulation of HMOs and other managed care entities
- Primary oversight for the regulation long-term care facilities
- Managed investigations of alleged abuse and neglect in long term care facilities
- Served as adjudicator in contested case proceedings
- Strengthen relationships with the local public health delivery systems
- Drove significant improvement efforts in maternal and child health programs
- Oversight of significant public health grants to local communities
- Regulated eight health occupations
- Testified frequently before senate and house committees
- Responsible for managing a budget in excess of \$10M

Araz Group, Bloomington, Minnesota

General Counsel and Vice President Enterprise Development

1994 to 1996

- Oversight of compliance and risk management activities, contract review and negotiation, as well as physician credentialing for preferred provider organization
- Served as primary advisors on all corporate legal matters
- Managed vendor agreements
- Responsible for the development of new and innovative business strategies and products to expand provider networks and grow corporate business

Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Associate Attorney and Law Clerk

1987 to 1991

Litigation practice in the areas of medical malpractice, personal injury and products liability law

- Responsibilities included all aspects of litigation practice
- Extensive legal research, drafting pleading, arguing motions, conducting depositions, attending court appearances, trial preparation and trial

Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Register Nurse-Post Anesthesia Recovery

1985 to 1987

- Responsible for the care of patients in the immediate post-operative phases of surgical recovery with a special focus on cardiovascular and neurological procedures

University of Minnesota Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Registered Nurse-Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

1983 to 1985

- Responsible for the care of critically ill infants with a special focus on neonatal cardiac surgical recovery. Member of the air transport team

St. Mary's Hospital/Mayo

1981 to 1983

Registered Nurse-Surgical/Trauma ICU

- Responsible for the care of critically ill patients who had experienced significant life-threatening trauma and/or undergone complex surgical procedures in the immediate post-operative recovery phase

EDUCATION

William Mitchell College of Law, Saint Paul, Minnesota

1989

Juris Doctor (cum laude)

College of Saint Teresa, Winona, Minnesota

1981

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (cum laude)

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Allina Health System

2019 to 2024

Member-Audit & Compliance Committee

Minnesota Horse Welfare Coalition

2013 to Present

President

College Possible

2015 to 2017

Mentor

Animal Humane Society

2010 to 2015

Member, Board of Directors