

# 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 oversite 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 MHSU 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*