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Practices

Health Law

Corporate Law

Litigation

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Industries

Health Care

Education

University of South Carolina, J.D.,
1998

University of South Carolina, B.A.,
1995

→ *cum laude*, with Honors from the
South Carolina Honors College

→ Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

→ South Carolina

→ U.S. District Court, District of
South Carolina

→ Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals

Darra James Coleman is Special Counsel in Nexsen Pruet's Columbia, South Carolina office, where she practices Health Care law.

Darra has more than 20 years of diverse experience serving both public and private sector clients. From May of 2012 until March of 2020, she served as Chief Advice Counsel and policy counsel for the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, where she managed the legal team that provides in-house legal services to 42 professional and occupational licensing boards.

Most recently, Darra has been able to leverage her experience in policy counsel to help clients navigate the COVID-19 crisis. She offers guidance in the areas of telehealth, regulatory compliance and licensure to assist clients in facing the myriad of changes that are occurring in state and federal policies and regulations to address the rapidly changing health care landscape.

Following a judicial clerkship immediately upon graduation from law school, Darra spent five years practicing with a small litigation firm where she represented governmental entities, individuals and insurance carriers in civil litigation and mediation throughout South Carolina. She spent the next eight years with a mid-size law firm where her practice grew to encompass cases from around the country and diverse business interests, including health care and other professional licensure defense. As a mediator and litigator, Darra helped clients resolve disputes involving employment,

- United States Supreme Court
- Certified Circuit Court Mediator and Family Court Mediator

probate, personal injury, family, insurance coverage, contract and construction law.

Darra recognizes her clients' needs are as varied and fast-paced as the evolving world in which we live.

Recognitions

- Greater *Columbia Business Monthly's* Legal Elite in the fields of Personal Injury (2010) and Healthcare Law (2018, 2020, 2022)
- Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers
- AV rated by Martindale

Community & Professional

- South Carolina Bar Association, member of the Law Related Education Committee
- South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
- Lexington County Bar Association, former President (2012)
- DHEC Institutional Review Board (Lay Member)
- Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, former SPRC Lay Member

Darra is a frequent speaker on various topics, including the opioid epidemic, scopes of practice, addiction and attorneys, and the impact of criminal conviction on professional licensing.

Co-Speaker, SCHA 20th Annual CFO Forum, "The Changing Liability Considerations Arising from the use of Telehealth," August 18, 2021

Quoted in *Accreditation & Quality Compliance Center, Accreditation Insider - Volume 15 Issue 20*, "Check your state's pandemic plan to make sure 1135 waivers don't conflict with those requirements", May, 2021

Resolved: J. Alternative Disp. Resol. 1 (2012) *The Power of the Apology: Resolving Medical Malpractice Claims in South Carolina*

News

08.17.2021 | News from Nexsen Pruet
39 Nexsen Pruet Attorneys Listed in 2021 Legal Elite of South Carolina

06.01.2021 | Media Mention

Darra James Coleman Discusses OSHA Plans and Complaints

05.11.2021 | Media Mention

Darra Coleman Quoted in Accreditation & Quality on 1135 Waivers

06.10.2020 | Media Mention

Taking The Pulse Podcast Highlights South Carolina Health Care

05.07.2020 | News from Nexsen Pruet

Meet Alice Harris and Darra Coleman

04.03.2020 | News from Nexsen Pruet

Nexsen Pruet Deepens Health Care Roots in the Carolinas

Insights

07.19.2022 | Article

Adverse Event Response: Three Possible Courses of Action Against Regulated Professionals

01.20.2022 | Article

New Year, New You? The Appeal of Aesthetic Medicine

Blog Post

Taking the Pulse

08.06.2021 | Article

The Epic Week of July 26, 2021: a COVID-19 Vaccination Consensus, the ADA, the CDC, and a Mandate

06.17.2021 | Article

Mental Health, Substance Use, and Family Distress: COVID-19's Penumbra

03.19.2021 | Article

Rapid Rise in Telehealth Leads to Significant Oversight: How to Prepare Now for New Audit Activities

02.26.2021 | Article

Regulation of Office-based Surgery in South Carolina: What's Old is New Again

10.23.2020

How Confident Should Consumers Be? Types of Tests and Recent Regulatory Actions to Enhance COVID-19 Testing Integrity

09.14.2020

CMS is Here to Help with Temporary Expansions

07.21.2020

Who is Filing Coronavirus-Related OSHA Complaints?

07.20.2020

Darra James Coleman on COVID Related OSHA Complaints

07.12.2020

Key Steps In Responding to a COVID-driven OSHA Complaint

07.08.2020

DHEC Issues Guidance to S.C. Employers on COVID-19 Exposure Scenarios

05.12.2020

A Glimpse at Recent State and Federal COVID-19 Testing Developments

04.21.2020

Nexsen Pruet and SCHA Team Up for a Q&A on Labor Related COVID-19 Topics

03.27.2020

SC and NC Emergency Regulatory Changes and Telehealth: Guidance, Implementation, and Pitfalls