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Elise Dunitz Brennan has practiced healthcare law for over 30 years. Her practice concentrates on the general representation of healthcare systems, including hospitals, pharmaceutical and device companies, and long-term care facilities. She specializes in operational and regulatory support, compliance planning, mergers and acquisitions, HIPAA, billing issues, Medicare, Antikickback and Stark, EMTALA, managed care, physician recruitment, physician medical staff issues, licensure, Certificate of Need and Change of Ownership, peer review hearings, fraud and abuse, risk management and new service development. Recently, her practice has included healthcare provider integration initiatives such as ACOs, service line collaborations and non-clinical joint ventures, and healthcare provider and payor contracting issues. She also serves as an Arbitrator on the Commercial and Healthcare Panel of the American Arbitration Association and as an Arbitrator, Mediator and Trainer for the American Health Lawyers Association. Chambers USA, the leading evaluator of attorneys, referred to Ms. Brennan as “an outstanding healthcare lawyer with a strong suit in the representation of institutions and transactions.” Ms. Brennan is the first Oklahoma attorney elected as a Fellow of the American Health Lawyers Association. In 2022, she was included in the Top 50 List of Oklahoma Super Lawyers®.

Experience

Acquisition of a Certificate of Need, bond financing and regulatory approval for the first life care community in Oklahoma

Formation and drafting of all provider and group contracts for a hospital-owned managed care entity in Oklahoma, which offers HMO, PPO, fully-insured and Medicare Advantage products

PRACTICES

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Formation and Organization
- Corporate and Securities
- Corporate Compliance and Board Governance
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- Health Care
- Healthcare Business Transactions
- Healthcare Regulatory Matters
- Mergers & Acquisitions

INDUSTRIES

- Health Care
- Indian Country Business and Finance
- Insurance

EDUCATION

- Southern Methodist University
- University of Michigan

Representation of hospitals in over 20 physician peer review hearings

Representation of a large physician practice in its acquisition by a large tertiary care hospital

Representation of investors in the acquisition of primary care and psychiatric hospitals

Assistance to hospitals and physician practices with compliance self-assessments and remedial actions

Guided the restructuring of a large long-term care system and provided advice on new service development

Representation of an association of independent pharmacies in negotiation of contracts and dispute resolution with national PBMs

Representation of the largest Oklahoma behavioral health center

Served as Arbitrator in excess of 4 dozen disputes, many between healthcare providers and payors or partners

(M.S.W.)

Tulane University, B.A.,
magna cum laude

ADMISSIONS

Oklahoma - 1983

U.S. Federal Courts - 1983

Honors & Recognitions

Phi Beta Kappa - 1976

Order of the Barristers - 1983

A-V Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating - 1987 to present

Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Health Care Law - 1991 to present

Listed as One of the Top 25 Women Lawyers in Oklahoma by Oklahoma Magazine - 2006 to present

Listed as one of the Pre-eminent Practitioners in the Country of Leading US Healthcare Lawyers by Legal Media Group - 2010

Selected as Tulsa "Lawyer of the Year" in Health Care Law by *Best Lawyers in America*® - 2011

Leadership in Law Award (Journal Record) - 2012

One of 50 Making a Difference – Woman of the Year (Journal Record) - 2014

Elise Dunitz Brennan

City of Tulsa, Nominated by Mayor and Elected by City Council to Ethics Advisory Committee

Tulsa Ballet Theater, Inc., Member of Board of Directors

Family & Children's Services, Past President, Member of the Board of Directors, Current Member of Advisory Board

Recognized on the 2022 Top 50 List of Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*[®] and Top 25 List of Women Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*[®]

Listed in the *Chambers & Partners* USA Guide, Band 1 Oklahoma Healthcare Law - 2010 to present

Community & Professional

American Health Lawyers Association, Current Fellow, Past Member of the Board Directors and Executive Committee, Past Chair of Credentialing Practice Group, Public Interest Committee and Alternative Dispute Resolution Task Force

Oklahoma Health Lawyers Association, Past President

American Arbitration Association, Member of the Commercial and Health Panels

American Health Lawyers Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel – Mediator, Arbitrator and Trainer

University of Oklahoma Adjunct Law Professor

Member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Health and Life Sciences Law*

News

58 Conner & Winters Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*[®]
08.29.2025

30th Edition of Best Lawyers[®] Recognizes 67 Attorneys from Conner & Winters
08.18.2023

29 Attorneys Selected to 2022 Super Lawyers & Rising Stars Lists
11.14.2022

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Oklahoma Super Lawyers Names Conner & Winters Attorneys to 2021 Lists
10.21.2021

Conner & Winters Attorneys Honored by Chambers USA 2021
05.26.2021

Women's History Month: Q&As with the Women of Conner & Winters
03.16.2021

Oklahoma Super Lawyers Names Conner & Winters Attorneys to 2020 Lists
11.10.2020

Peers Rank Conner & Winters Lawyers as the Best in their Field
09.16.2020

Elise Brennan Awarded Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award
10.22.2018

Congratulations to the 59 lawyers from Conner & Winters who were recognized in The Best Lawyers in America© 2019.
08.15.2018

Conner & Winters Recognized by Chambers USA 2018
05.03.2018

CW attorney Elise Brennan quoted in article about CommunityCare severing its contract with Hillcrest
TULSA WORLD, 03.01.2018

Elise Brennan and Teresa Burkett Named to Top 25 2017 Women Oklahoma Super Lawyers List
11.13.2017

58 Conner & Winters Attorneys Named to 2018 Best Lawyers in America List
08.15.2017

CONNER & WINTERS HONORED BY CHAMBERS USA 2017
05.26.2017

Alerts & Publications

Elise Brennan Speaks on AHLA Podcast about Healthcare Payor/Provider Disputes
American Health Law Association Speaking of Health Law Podcast, 07.02.2024

AHLA Corporate Practice of Medicine: A 50 State Survey (Third Edition)
American Health Law Association, 05.2024

Liability Issues with COVID
05.28.2020

What You Need to Do if You Received Money from HHS
04.22.2020

ELISE BRENNAN AND RUSSELL RAMZEL ASSIST AHLA IN PUBLISHING SECOND EDITION OF *CORPORATE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE: A 50 STATE SURVEY*
01.30.2020

59 Conner & Winters Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America
08.16.2019