

## CHRISTAL E. EDWARDS, ESQ., MPH, MS

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Edwards Legal Group, LLC, *Managing Attorney***

- Serve as Lead Counsel (Trial strategy, discovery, investigations) in various litigation and transactional matters, including health law issues, SSI, EEOC, and juvenile criminal defense.
- Review and analyze health care regulations, ethics and compliance laws, including anti-kickback laws, EMTALA, STARK, managed care issues, and nursing home regulations/compliance issues
- Evaluate, advise, and represent clients in government investigations, MSPB, various healthcare matters involving administrative hearings on reimbursement/ payment, medical staffing, and licensing matters
- Review, negotiate, and draft physician contracts, hospital services contracts and managed care contracts
- Served as Panel Attorney for the Prince George's County & Baltimore City Public Defender's Office
- Interview clients/witnesses and evaluate potential client's case
- Frequent guest speaker and panel member

#### **DHHS/Medicare Appeals Board, *Attorney Advisor***

- Researched and analyzed Medicare Part A and B Hearings and Appeals request
- Drafted decisions regarding complex payment issues for Administrative Law Judges

#### **American College of Surgeons, *Senior Regulatory Associate***

- Monitored and analyzed federal regulatory developments (Medicare, Medicaid, Stark)
- Developed overall regulatory strategy and new proposals for College's advocacy agenda, including the AMA/Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update Committee
- Prepared written materials and responses to inquiries about payment policies, FDA regulations, and other regulatory matters

#### **U.S. Senate Finance Committee, *Legal Staffer***

- Researched and evaluated healthcare tax legislation and healthcare benefits proposed legislation, including HSAs, ERISA-covered insurance plans, and small business health insurance proposals
- Assisted in oversight and investigations of tax-exempt organizations, including hospitals
- Researched and analyzed the constitutionality of proposed line-item veto legislation
- Drafted briefing materials for the Senator and other staff members
- Served as one of the DC Coordinators for Senator Max Baucus' Faith Community Impact Summit
- Completed CRS Legislative Process Institute 2006
- Served as Finance Committee Minority Whip during 'lame duck' session

#### **Armstrong Teasdale LLP, *Associate***

- Drafted various pleadings, affidavits, and letters to opposing counsel and clients
- Provided extensive research and file management on matters relating to healthcare laws, FDA, medical malpractice, EEOC, Medicare, Insurance and Claims, Medicaid and products liability
- Assisted clients in preparing for Administrative Hearings relating to Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements and Social Security Disability programs (SSDI & SSI)
- Prepared case file for trial, maintain witness and exhibit list, and electronic document review
- *Published Article:* Edwards, Christal & Felix, Diane. (2005). "Sexually abusive residents are Bane of Missouri Nursing Homes: Difficulty is in transferring, discharging patients." Missouri Lawyers Weekly, September 19, 2005, 19 M.L.W. 897

#### **Judge Jimmie M. Edwards, *Law Clerk***

- Drafted bench memoranda for civil lawsuits and criminal matters
- Assisted Judge with pretrial conferences, settlement negotiations, and sentencing hearings
- Regularly discussed issues with Judge concerning judicial decision-making and court process

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION/LICENSE**

**Maryland Bar**  
**District of Columbia Bar**  
**US District Court of Maryland**  
**US District Court for the District of Columbia**

**EDUCATION**

**Saint Louis University School of Law**, St. Louis, MO  
J.D. / Health Law Certificate

**Meharry Medical College**, Nashville, TN  
Master of Science, Public Health

**Tennessee State University**, Nashville, TN  
Master of Science, Biology

**University of Memphis**, Memphis, TN  
Bachelor of Science, Biology