



Mary Holloway Richard

OF COUNSEL

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Healthcare Law

EDUCATION

- University of Oklahoma (B.A., 1972; M.P.H. 1975)
- George Washington University (J.D., 1980)
- Harvard Law School, Project on Negotiation (Certificate, 2008)

ADMISSIONS

- 1980, Oklahoma
- 1980, U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma

BIOGRAPHY

Mary represents both institutional and non-institutional providers of health services. Her career has included work at hospitals, outpatient clinics, behavioral health facilities and rehabilitation facilities and clinics. She has significant experience in health services contracting, reimbursement audits and appeals, OIG investigations, and regulatory and corporate matters. Her skills include working with healthcare clients to develop business strategies in this highly regulated industry and to minimize exposure to risks. Mary's experience with clinical research ranges from Institutional Review Board regulatory compliance, Food and Drug Administration oversight of compounding pharmacies and integration of clinical research with hospital operations. She lectures and has written on numerous healthcare topics including nonprofit operations, telehealth and behavioral health law, confidentiality and criminal justice reform. She was the driving force behind the first Oklahoma Women's Law Manual as well as a contributor and editor.

Born in Houston, Texas, Mary has degrees in sociology and social work from the University of Oklahoma. She has a Masters degree in public health administration and health planning from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and her law degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She also completed the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School. She is currently a member of the faculty of the Oklahoma City University School of Law teaching an Introduction to Healthcare Law and Behavioral Health Law. She has been in the leadership of the Behavioral Health Task Force of the American Hospital Association since its inception and is currently Vice Chair. She is Chair of the Oklahoma Bar Association's Health Law Section and has been instrumental in establishing a webcast public interest series on vulnerable populations which have focused on the mentally ill, the elderly, children and education for the disabled.

EXPERIENCE

- Legal Counsel for largest healthcare system in the state
- Represented healthcare providers in transactions including employment, formation of legal entities and purchase of assets
- Represented institutional providers in HIPAA-related matters including compliance training, notice of privacy practices, audits and breach responses
- Prepared corporate bylaws and medical staff bylaws and rules

- Represented healthcare providers in regulatory matters related to licensure, discipline, confidentiality and reimbursement
- Represented facilities before Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority
- Counseled Institutional Review Boards and represented individual investigators and researchers before centralized and external IRBs
- Represented behavioral health facilities and other providers in involuntary admission matters on county mental health dockets
- Represented public charitable foundations

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Chairman, Health Law Section, Oklahoma Bar Association
- Past President and Organizer, Oklahoma Health Lawyers Association and Past-Chairman, Health Law Section, Oklahoma Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association, Vice-Chair, Behavioral Health Law Section
- Advisory Board Member, Oklahoma City, Mental Health Association-Oklahoma

RECOGNITION

- Worldwide Who's Who for Excellence in Legal Counseling
- [Listed by "Best Lawyers in America" in Healthcare Law \(2018-present; named "Lawyer of the Year" in Healthcare Law in Oklahoma City in 2020\)](#)
- [Named one of The Journal Record's 50 Women Making a Difference at 2016 Woman of the Year Gala](#)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Past Member, Advisory Committee, Inasmuch Foundation
- Volunteer, Junior Achievement
- Mentor, American Health Lawyers Association
- Member, Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Member, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

PUBLICATIONS

- [Summary of Oklahoma Opioid Decision](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 48 attorneys named to 2020 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Medical practice support can be costly to suppliers, others](#)
- [Data breach still compliance concern for health care providers](#)
- [Attorney Mary Holloway Richard authors update to AHLA publication](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 44 attorneys named to 2019 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [NewsOK Q&A: U.S. businesses react to newly enforced EU privacy law](#)
- [Oklahoma healthcare law leader Mary Holloway Richard offers mentoring advice in AHLA magazine](#)
- [NewsOK Q&A: For health care providers, safeguarding patients' electronic health information is also an employment matter](#)
- [Phillips Murrah healthcare attorneys to address nation's opioid epidemic](#)
- [NewsOK Q&A: Certificate of need laws can bridle behavioral, other care](#)
- [NewsOK Q&A: Feds paid \\$60 million in 'improper' Medicare payments last year](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 37 attorneys named to 2018 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [NewsOK Q&A: FBI warns against doctors, dentists using 'anonymous mode' computer servers](#)
- [Mary Holloway Richard sourced in article investigating hospital merger](#)
- [Therapists need liability protection](#)
- [50 Making a Difference profile: Mary H. Richard, J.D.](#)
- [Attorneys present at PLICO Healthcare Summit](#)
- [Journal Record names three attorneys Woman of the Year](#)
- [NewsOK Q&A: Advance directives provide care guidance for end of life](#)
- [Phillips Murrah attorney named to Mental Health Association Oklahoma's Advisory Council](#)
- [Health care industry leaders need to understand history of regulations](#)

- [NewsOK Q&A: New health measures will require baseline screenings](#)
- [FDA announces multi-step response plan to mitigate abuse of pain killers](#)
- [Attorney teaches Behavioral Health Law course at OCU](#)
- [Phillips Murrah attorneys support i2E 2015 BrewFest](#)
- [Attorney Mary Holloway Richard moderates webcast for OBA](#)
- [NewsOK Q&A: E-players enter health market](#)
- [NewsOK Q&A: Sunshine Act applies to dentists, podiatrists, optometrists and chiropractors](#)
- [Attorney Mary Holloway Richard sourced in CARE Act article](#)