



## ELLEN F. KESSLER / PARTNER

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### EDUCATION

- Hofstra University  
School of Law (J.D.,  
with distinction)
- Teachers College,  
Columbia University  
(M.A.)
- SUNY Downstate  
Medical Center  
College of Nursing  
(B.S., summa cum  
laude)

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Cannabis Law
- Health Law

Ellen Kessler concentrates her practice in the area of health law. She assists healthcare clients in structuring business relationships and transactions to comply with federal and state laws including self-referral, anti-kickback and professional misconduct statutes. She advises clients on mergers, acquisitions and establishment of professional practices, employment and professional service relationships, establishment of management service organizations and their relationships with health care providers, establishment and transfers of Article 28 and Article 36 facilities, HIPAA compliance, and regulatory and professional licensure issues under state and federal law.

She also advises clients on employment agreements, shareholder and partnership agreements, management agreements, and professional service agreements. Her health care clients have included hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health care agencies, management services organizations, independent practice associations, physicians, dentists, chiropractors, podiatrists, physical therapists, nurses and other health care practitioners.

A partner at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C., she is a member of the Firm's Health Law Department, bringing special expertise as both an experienced attorney and a registered nurse.

Ellen was selected as a New York Metro Super Lawyer in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. She has written and lectured extensively on various health law matters, including the Stark Law, New York's I-STOP Prescription Monitoring Program Law, the Surprise Medical Bill Law, the sale of dental practices, and numerous COVID-19 related issues.

She has also authored chapters for the Legal Manual for New York Physicians, a collaboration between the New York State Bar Association and the Medical Society of the State of New York, which is a valuable resource to physicians on the many legal and regulatory requirements that affect the practice of medicine.

Prior to her career in law, she had a distinguished career in nursing and nursing education at various New York hospitals. At law school, she served as a member of the Hofstra Law Review, as coordinator of the Law Review's Topic Research and Development program, and as a Moot Court Judge. After law school, she served as law clerk to Judge Jacob Mishler in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. In 2009, Ellen was installed as a director of the Nassau County Bar Association for a three-year term. She is a member of the Association's Hospital & Health Law Committee for which she has served as a past chair and vice-chair. Additionally, she is a member of the New York State Bar Association and a member of its Health Law Section.

## Publications

- Thirty-Three Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2024 (Press Release)
- Surcharges for Credit Card Usage - New York State Imposes Disclosure Requirements (Alerts, Health Law)
- Thirty-One Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2023 (Press Release)
- RMF Attorney Ellen F. Kessler To Present Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. Award for Outstanding Appellate Advocacy At The Maurice A. Dean School of Law at Hofstra University (Press Releases)
- Thirty-One Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2022 (Press Releases)
- NY's Ever Changing Medical Cannabis Program: Making Sense of the Regulatory Haze (Alerts, Health Law: Regulatory)
- Twenty-Five Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2021 (Press Releases)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorney Ellen F. Kessler Named Among Outstanding Women in Law by Hofstra Law (Press Releases)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. Forms Cannabis Law Practice Group (Press Releases)
- Seventeen Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2020 (Press Releases)
- New Requirement In NY For Physicians To Post Office Signage On Patients' OPMC Reporting Rights (Alerts, Health Law: Regulatory)
- Sell Your Practice? Buy a Practice? What you need to know to achieve a successful transferral. (Articles, Health Law: Regulatory)
- Important Changes To Medicare's Accelerated And Advance Payment Program (Alerts, Health Law: Regulatory)
- Guidance For Reopening Health Care Practices During COVID-19 (Alerts, Health Law: Regulatory)

- CMS Suspends Accelerated And Advance Payment Program To Medicare Suppliers (Alerts, Health Law: Regulatory)
- FAQs on Paycheck Protection Program Loans (Alerts, Health Law: Regulatory)
- Accelerated Payment Program For Medicare Providers And Suppliers During COVID-19 Crisis (Alerts, Health Law: Regulatory)
- Warning to Providers: NO Percentage Arrangements With Billing Companies (Health Law: Regulatory)
- Office-Based Surgery Update: Reporting of Adverse Events Now Required; Accrediting Agencies Selected by DOH (Alerts, Health Law: Regulatory)
- Physicians Beware: New Disclosure Requirement Enacted For “Self-Referral” of MRI, CT and PET Scans (Alerts, Health Law: Regulatory)
- Mandatory Sick Leave Law in New York City (Alerts, Health Law: Regulatory)
- “Surprise Medical Bills” Law (Alerts, Health Law: Transactional)
- New Change in New York Nurse Practitioner Law (Alerts, Health Law: Regulatory, Healthcare Professionals)
- Final “Anti-Markup Rule” Issued by Medicare for Diagnostic Tests (Articles, Health Law: Regulatory)
- Electronic Health Record Offers: What’s A Doctor to Do? (Articles, Health Law: Regulatory)
- Cost-Based Stark Law Changes Under Consideration (Articles, Health Law: Regulatory)
- Accreditation To Be Required for Office-Based Surgery (Articles, Health Law: Regulatory)

## Media

- How Medical Cannabis Can Save the NY Cannabis Industry with Ellen Kessler (Cannabiz New York Podcast, July 2023)

