

# ANGELA CONNELLY

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## LEGAL COUNSEL

Poised to contribute strong background in health-care law to Health Group Coop

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### PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- ◆ Energetic, team-focused health-care attorney with more than 14 years of legal experience, including paralegal and law-clerk background, and expertise in diverse areas of law.
- ◆ Motivated self-starter who assists in drafting hospital policies and advises on clinical ethics by serving on the ethics advisory and policy subcommittee of Veteran Affairs Great Lakes Health Care System; well-versed in medical, legal, regulatory analysis/compliance in health care and clinical-research ethics.
- ◆ Accomplished contributor experienced in case management, factual investigation, case development/preparation, litigation, pre-litigation, case analysis, and client advisory matters.
- ◆ Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal communicator with a proven track record of forging relationships among stakeholders and performing well both independently and as a team member.
- ◆ Skilled legal researcher who also excels at computer-based and non-computer-based legal, technical, and scientific research.

### AREAS OF LEGAL EXPERTISE

- ◆ Health-care law:
  - litigation
  - regulatory/reimbursement
  - fraud and abuse
  - false claims
  - Medicare/Medicaid compliance
  - employment
  - clinical ethics
  - human-subject research ethics
  - institutional ethics
  - corporate transactions in health care
- ◆ Intellectual Property:
  - trademark
  - copyright
  - patents
- ◆ Product Liability
- ◆ Environmental Law
- ◆ Business/Transactional
- ◆ Admiralty/Maritime
- ◆ Construction
- ◆ Medical Negligence
- ◆ Family Law
- ◆ Labor and Employment:
  - discrimination
  - EEOC complaints
  - union grievances
  - labor arbitrations
  - enforceability of non-compete covenants
  - employment contracts
- ◆ Construction Defect
- ◆ Personal Injury
- ◆ Contract Disputes

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Associate Attorney**, *Fisch, Swallows & Thomson, P.S.*, Chicago, IL, Feb. 2003 to Present

- ◆ Practice health-care law, representing academic medical center.
- ◆ Handle Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement cases, as well as complex health-care litigation cases.
- ◆ Represent co-plaintiffs Illinois Protection and Advocacy System and MultiCare Health System in complex mental-health law case against the State of Illinois involving the state's failure to provide adequate community mental-health resources, funding to regional support networks, an adequate number of beds for patients committed under the Involuntary Treatment Act, and other issues; collaborate with in-house legal department of three-hospital group.
- ◆ Represent clients regarding employment-related issues that typically arise in hospital and medical settings.
- ◆ Collaborate with hospital and regional medical center in-house legal departments on regulatory compliance cases.

**Attorney**, *Fogle & Fogle*, Chicago, IL, Dec. 2002 to Feb. 2003

- ◆ Drafted and responded to motions; prepared and responded to discovery related to a complex litigation case set for trial.
- ◆ Prepared experts and witnesses in fast-paced legal environment of firm dealing with construction defect, personal injury, and employment law.

**Law Clerk**, *Great Lakes Lakeports*, Chicago, IL, May 2000 to Apr. 2001

- ◆ Performed legal research and drafted legal memoranda regarding employment law, personal injury, contract disputes, trademark law, and environmental law issues.

**Summer Law Clerk**, *U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Illinois, Criminal and Civil Division*, Chicago, IL, Summer 1999

- ◆ Drafted legal memoranda, summary judgment motions, sentencing memoranda, and other documents.

**Paralegal, Baker and Associates, P.S., Chicago, IL, Jan. 1996 to April 1999**

- ◆ Prepared witnesses for arbitrations and trials.
- ◆ Assisted with trial preparation and case development.
- ◆ Managed trial teams and performed case/data analysis.
- ◆ Drafted labor arbitration briefs and mediation memoranda.
- ◆ Prepared responses to EEOC charges and demand letters.
- ◆ Performed legal research and interviewed lay and expert witnesses.
- ◆ Prepared and responded to discovery requests and other pleadings, such as summary judgment motions.

**Paralegal, Riley, Rogers & Cain, LLP, Chicago, IL, Sept. 1993 to Jan. 1996**

- ◆ Assisted attorneys with trial preparation in the areas of intellectual property, product liability, environmental, labor and employment, business/transactional, and admiralty.
- ◆ Performed legal, scientific, and general research.
- ◆ Analyzed complex data.
- ◆ Interviewed lay and expert witnesses.
- ◆ Wrote arbitration briefs and responses to EEOC charges.

**Paralegal, Bogen, Munns & Munns, Chicago, IL, March 1990 to Sept. 1993**

- ◆ Managed teams on large construction litigation matters.
- ◆ Traveled extensively to assist clients and consult experts and local counsel with case analysis, claim management, and case preparation.
- ◆ Performed legal, medical, and general research in the areas of construction, product liability, and medical negligence.
- ◆ Prepared audit response letters and quarterly litigation reports.

**Paralegal, Charles Sumner, LLP, Chicago, IL, March 1990 to Sept. 1993**

- ◆ Interviewed lay and expert witnesses in the areas of environmental, products liability, and family law.
- ◆ Analyzed data, organized documents, and executed legal and general research.
- ◆ Prepared and responded to discovery.

**Litigation Assistant/Legal Assistant, Frasier & Harrington, Chicago, IL, Sept. 1986 to Aug. 1988**

- ◆ Assisted with trial preparation, including witness interviews, in construction and admiralty/maritime areas.
- ◆ Drafted pleadings, conducted legal research, and organized documents.

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

**Member, Ethics Advisory Committee and Policy Subcommittee, Veteran Affairs Great Lakes Health Care System, Chicago, IL, Jan. 2003 to Present**

- ◆ Collaborate with other committee members to educate and advise the hospital, health care providers, and other interested parties regarding ethical implications of health-care policy and practice issues.

## **EDUCATION and TRAINING**

- ◆ *Juris Doctor*, Chicago University School of Law, Chicago, IL, 2001
  - Served as Executive Editor, Chicago University Law Review
- ◆ *Seminar in health-care ethics*, University of Illinois School of Medicine, Chicago, IL, 2002
- ◆ *Mediation Certification*, University of Illinois School of Law, Chicago, IL, 2000
  - Completed a Mediation Clinic course, University of Illinois School of Law, 2000
- ◆ *Graduate-level coursework* in Labor Theory, Clinical Ethics, Medical Ethics, End-of-Life Issues, Higher Education Law, Health Law, Employment Discrimination, and International Health Issues, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL, 1995 to 1998
- ◆ *Bachelor of Arts in Political Science*, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL, 1986

## **BAR ADMISSION and PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- ◆ Admitted to Illinois Bar, 2002
- ◆ Member, Illinois State Bar Association
- ◆ Member, American Bar Association Life Sciences Grants Compliance Subcommittee
- ◆ Member, American Bar Association
- ◆ Member, American Health Lawyers Association
- ◆ Member, Illinois State Society of Healthcare Attorneys
- ◆ Member, Illinois State Trial Lawyers Association