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PRACTICE AREAS

Healthcare
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J.D., Florida International
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Maria D. Garcia is a Partner and Co-Chair of the Healthcare Practice at Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, and focuses her practice on health care law and commercial litigation. She has extensive experience in managed care litigation and advising healthcare providers regarding Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial health plan issues. Maria also provides guidance to health care providers on various legal issues, such as business expansion, federal and state regulatory compliance, practice formation, joint ventures, managed care contracting, and non-compete agreements. Maria has assisted a variety of providers in recovering over \$175 million in underpaid reimbursements for healthcare services. She received her B.A., magna cum laude, from Florida International University (FIU), and earned her Juris Doctor from the FIU College of Law, where she was President of the Moot Court.

In 2018 and 2019, Maria was named a "Top Lawyer" in Healthcare in the South Florida Legal Guide, and Super Lawyers Magazine named her a "Rising Star" in 2020. In 2019, Florida Trend Magazine named her as one of the 500 Most Influential Business Leaders in the State of Florida. In 2016, she was honored by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce with the Rising Star "Model Star" Award for her work in the South Florida community and legal profession. Maria's skills and efforts as an attorney were also recognized in 2010 when the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation named her one of the "40 Under 40 Outstanding Attorneys of Miami Dade County."

Maria is also devoted to the community, and served as President of the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) and President of the Florida International University Alumni Association. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Coral Gables Chambers of Commerce and on the Florida Bar Health Law Section's Legislative Committee.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "CMS Finalizes New Rule Addressing Telehealth Benefits in Medicare Advantage Health Plans," Florida Bar Health Law Updates, May 2019.
- "Recent Trends in Managed Care Disputes" Presentation to Florida Hospital Association (FHA), Co-Author, 2017.
- "Florida's New PPO Balance Billing Prohibition: Outlook for Providers and Patients," South Florida Legal Guide 2017 Edition.
- "2016 Managed Care Update" Presentation to Florida Hospital Association (FHA), Co-Author, 2016.
- "The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) Releases List of Recent Licensure Actions Against Medical Providers," Florida Bar Health Law Updates, May- June 2014.
- "Florida Department of Health (DOH) Professional License Renewal Process Now Includes Continued Education Review," Florida Bar Health Law Updates, February 2014.

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- “Payor Unilateralism: Health Care Providers Beware,” South Florida Legal Guide 2012 Edition.
- “Consulting and Royalty Agreements with Physicians: A Look at this Business Relationship in Light of the Federal Anti-Kickback Statute,” South Florida Legal Guide Midyear Edition 2012.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, Florida Bar, “The Road to a Potential Covid-19 Vaccine” Webinar, 2020.
- Speaker, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce Annual Conference, “Better Business Climate” Panel, 2017.
- Speaker, Dade County Bar Association (DCBA) Annual Bench and Bar Conference, The Future of Healthcare Law Panel, 2016.
- Speaker, Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Practicing with Professionalism Symposium, 2015.
- Speaker, Dade County Bar Association (DCBA) Annual Bench and Bar Conference, Healthcare Law Panel, 2013.
- Moderator, CABA’s Legal Aspects of Doing Business in the Americas Conference, 2013.

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