

## BRENDA T. STRAMA

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### EDUCATION

Legal: University of Houston School of Law  
Juris Doctorate, cum laude: December 1984  
Order of the Coif

Undergraduate: Georgetown University  
School of Foreign Service  
Washington, D.C.  
B.S.F.S. 1962

### EMPLOYMENT

Partner, 1993-2006; Associate, 1984-1992  
Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.  
The Terrace 7  
2801 Via Fortuna, Suite 100  
Austin, Texas 78746-7568

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Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.  
1001 Fannin Street  
Suite 2500  
Houston, Texas 77002-6760

Health Industry Group  
Practice Management Committee (1/1/98 – 12/31/2001)  
Chair, Client Services Subcommittee of the Practice Management Committee (1995-2001)  
Chair, Website Subcommittee of the Practice Management Committee (2000 – 2001)  
Women's Career Development Council (11/2000 – Present)

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Included in "Texas Super Lawyers of 2006," *Texas Super Lawyers Edition, Law & Politics*, 2006
- Included in Chambers USA: *America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in healthcare law, 2005
- Included in "Texas Super Lawyers of 2004," *Texas Super Lawyers Edition, Law & Politics*, 2004
- Included in "Texas Super Lawyers," *Texas Monthly*, 2003, *Texas Super Lawyers Edition, Law & Politics*, 2003
- Named as one of the Best Lawyers in Houston by Woodward/White, Inc., *Inside Houston Magazine*, July 1998.

- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the 2003-2006 edition.

## MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Hospital Attorneys, Editor, Committee on Physician and Medical Staff Relations Newsletter (1994 - 1997)

American Bar Association, AIDS Coordinating Committee (1993 - present)

American Bar Association, Health and Insurance Law Section (1995 - present)

American Bar Association, Medicine and Law Committee Publications Subcommittee (1995 - present)

American Bar Association, Section Advisor to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (ULC) Regarding the Health Care Decisions Act (1991)

American Bar Association, Chairman, Task Force on Monograph for Governmental Liability for Transmission of HIV or AIDS (1991)

American Bar Association Task Force on the Health Care Quality Improvement Act (1991)

American College of Healthcare Executives (1992 - present)

American College of Healthcare Executives, Financial Subcommittee (1998 - 2000)

American Health Lawyers Association, Vice-Chair, Credentialing and Peer Review Committee, (1995 – 2003)

American Health Lawyers Association, Editor, Committee on Physician and Medical Staff Relations Newsletter (1998 - 2000)

Amigos de las Americas, Board of Directors, Houston Chapter (1989 - 1991)

Greater Houston Society for Healthcare Risk Management, Chair, Education Committee (1998 - 2000)

Greater Houston Society for Healthcare Risk Managers, Committee on Gov't Relations (1989 - 1994)

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, Institutional Review Board (1999 - present)

Houston Bar Association, AIDS Committee (1990)

Houston Bar Association, Interprofessional Relations Committee (1988)

March of Dimes, Board of Directors, Texas Gulf Coast Chapter (1996 - 2001)

Park Plaza Hospital, Ethics Committee (1992 - 1995)

Park Plaza Hospital, Institutional Review Board Committee (1986 - 1989)

Texas Bar Association, Coordination with Other Professional Groups Committee (1990 - 1995)

Texas Bar Association, Secretary, Health Law Council, Health Law Section (1996 - 1997)

Texas Bar Association, Treasurer, Health Law Council, Health Law Section (1997 - 1998)

Texas Bar Association, Vice Chair, Health Law Council, Health Law Section (1999 - 2001)

Texas Bar Association, President, Health Law Council, Health Law Section (2001 - 2002)

Texas Bar Association, *ex officio* Chair, Health Law Council, Health Law Section (2002 - 2003)

Texas Hospital Association, Legal Focus Committee on AIDS (1988 - 1991)

University of Houston Law School Alumni, Board of Directors (1999 - 2003)

University of Texas, Annual Health Law Conference, Planning Committee (1995 - present)

United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast Women's Initiative, (2001 - present)

United Way Capital Area (Austin, Tx.) Women Giving Network Membership Chair (2004)

## EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., *Healthcare Legal Update*, Editor, (1987 - 2002)

American Academy of Hospital Attorneys, *MedStaff News*, Editor, (1995 - 1999)  
Aspen Publishers, Inc., *Physicians/Facilities Manual*, (1995 - 1996)  
Texas Health Law Section, *State Bar Section Report*  
Brownstone Publishers, Inc. *Credentialing and Peer Review Legal Insider*, Advisor

## BOOKS

- *AIDS and Governmental Liability* (American Bar Association, Section of Urban, State and Local Government Law) (1993) Editor

## PAPERS

- *Health Lawyers News*, "The National Practitioner Data Bank: Has it Accomplished its Objectives?" (February 2002)
- *For the Record*, "Covered Entities and Transactions" (September 18, 2000)
- *Texas Lawyer*, "Privacy Under Attack" (December 20, 1999)
- *Texas Lawyer*, "Exercise Is Good for Your Rights" (November 22, 1999)
- "Deselection and Termination Without Cause Clauses," Credentialing and Peer Review Substantive Law Committee, Managed Care Law Institute (April 26, 1999)
- *Texas Lawyer*, "SB386: 'Splitting the Baby?'" (November 30, 1998)
- *BNA's Health Law Reporter*, "Did Court in Texas Split the Baby in HMO Liability Decision?" (October 22, 1998)
- *The Houston Lawyer*, "Texas Supreme Court Expands Legal Protections for Doctors and Hospitals" (October 1998)
- *Texas Lawyer*, "Fort Worth Appeal Hurts Nurses, Hospitals" (September 22, 1997)
- *Texas Lawyer*, "Who Is Liable for Emergency Room Mishaps?" (February 10, 1997)
- *Texas Lawyer*, "No Peering Into Peer Review Files" (November 25, 1996)
- *Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine*, "HIV-Infected Health Care Workers: The Legal Perspective" (Summer Supplement 1995)
- *State Bar Section Report - Health Law* (Winter 1994)
- *HealthSpan* (Prentice Hall), New Anti-Dumping Regulations Strengthen Patient Protections (October 1994)
- *Newsletter of Medicine and Law Committee* (Summer 1994)
- *State Bar Section Report - Health Law* (Spring 1994)
- *State Bar Section Report - Health Law* (Spring 1993)
- *GFP Notes* (Association of American Medical Colleges) Courts Enforce HCQIA Protection for Peer Review Activities (Fall 1992)
- *Health Law Reporter* (Butterworth Publishers), "Health Care Quality Improvement - Peer Review" (September 1990)
- *HealthSpan* (Prentice Hall), "Special Report: The Health Care Quality Improvement Act" (September 1990)
- Co-author, "Legal Overview of Blood Bank Liability Issues" Administrative Manual of American Association of Blood Banks, (1987)
- The Rights of Patients Under Federal Programs (August 1985)
- The Legal Implications of Surrogate Motherhood (December 1983)
- The Use of Mediation in Medical Malpractice Cases (December 1983)

## PRESENTATIONS

February 7, 2006

Greater Houston Society for Healthcare Risk Management

*The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005: A new risk management tool and shield?*

October 13, 2005

Applied Materials

*HIPAA and your right of privacy*

June 24, 2005

2005 State Bar Annual Meeting

*Organ Donation and the Texas Anatomical Gift Act: Legal and Cultural Contexts*

July 29, 2003

North American Transplant Coordinators Organization

*HIPAA for Organ Procurement Organizations and Transplant Centers*

July 11, 2003

Vinson & Elkins

Fourth Biennial Symposium on Health Care Legislation

Moderator for Panel Discussion – *Access to Health Care Information; Health Facilities Regulation*

June 26, 2003

Woman's Hospital of Texas

*Duties of Hospitals and Physicians under EMTALA and Texas Transfer Regulations*

May 22, 2003

Del Sol Medical Center

*Economic Credentialing: Providing Quality Health Care in the Free Market*

April 8, 2003

Vinson & Elkins In House Presentation

*HIPAA Policies and Procedures*

April 4, 2003

Bayshore Regional Medical Center

Board of Trustees Retreat

*HIPAA Privacy Standards;*

*Credentialing in a Changing Market Place*

March 28, 2003

Bayshore Regional Medical Center

*HIPAA Privacy Standards*

March 3, 2003

In House Management Committee Presentation

*Impact of HIPAA on Law Firms*

*V&E as a Business Associate Under HIPAA*

February 28, 2003  
Greater Houston Society for Healthcare Risk Management  
Education Day  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards – The Hot Spots*

February 27, 2003  
Woman's Hospital of Texas  
*Economic Credentialing: Providing Quality Health Care in the Free Market*

February 26, 2003  
Corpus Christi Regional Medical Center  
*Economic Credentialing: Providing Quality Health Care in the Free Market*

February 21, 2003  
Memorial Hermann Medical Staff Retreat  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards*

February 18, 2003  
St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards*

February 12, 2003  
Mainland Regional Medical Center  
*Economic Credentialing: Providing Quality Health Care in the Free Market*

February 10, 2003  
Vinson & Elkins In House Presentation  
*HIPAA Overview*

January 30, 2003  
HCA Healthcare Corporation  
*HIPAA Training;*  
*Individual Rights & Minimum Necessary;*  
*Marketing and Fundraising;*  
*OHCA & SACE*

January 6, 2003  
St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards*

January 9-10, 2003  
Iasis Healthcare Corporation  
*HIPAA Contracts and Their Uses*

December 5, 2002  
Woman's Hospital of Texas  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards*

November 14-15, 2002  
Texas Hospital Association  
2002 Health Law Conference  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards – The Hot Spots*

November 12, 2002  
AICPA National Healthcare Industry Conference  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards – The Hot Spots*

October 10, 2002  
Palms of Pasadena Hospital  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards*

September 6, 2002  
America's Blood Center  
*Vinson & Elkins HIPAA Consortium and Extranet*

September 5, 2002  
Greater Houston Anesthesiology  
*Vinson & Elkins HIPAA Consortium and Extranet*

August 30, 2002  
Iasis Healthcare Corporation  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards and Obligations of Group Health Plans;  
Business Associates Under HIPAA;  
The Minimum Necessary Standard; and  
How the Privacy Standards Apply to Integrated Delivery Systems  
and Other Complex Health Care Arrangements*

July 24, 2002  
Enterprise Products Company  
*Putting HIPAA into Action: from Theory to Practice*

July 1-3, 2002  
American Health Lawyers Association Annual Meeting  
*How the Privacy Standards Apply to Integrated Delivery Systems  
and Other Complex Health Care Arrangements*

June 28, 2002  
Texas Medical Center  
*How the Privacy Standards Apply to Integrated Delivery Systems  
and Other Complex Health Care Arrangements*

June 20, 2002  
Memorial Health System  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards and Obligations of Group Health Plans;  
Business Associates Under HIPAA;  
The Minimum Necessary Standard;  
How the Privacy Standards Apply to Integrated Delivery Systems and Other Complex Health Care Arrangements*

June 18, 2002  
Memorial Hermann Hospital Northwest  
*Duties of Hospitals and Physicians under EMTALA and Texas Transfer Regulations*

June 3, 2002  
Texas Medical Association  
*Vinson & Elkins HIPAA Consortium and Extranet*

May 21, 2002  
Polly Ryon Memorial Hospital  
*Putting HIPAA into Action: From Theory to Practice*

May 16, 2002  
Polly Ryon Memorial Hospital  
*Credentialing and Peer Review Issues*

May 9, 2002  
Lorman Education Services  
*Putting HIPAA into Action: From Theory to Practice*

May 2, 2002  
Lake Charles Memorial Hospital  
*Putting HIPAA into Action: From Theory to Practice; and  
HIPAA & Group Health Plans – Are you Ready?*

April 18, 2002  
Houston Business Group on Health  
*HIPAA and Group Health Plans – Are you Ready?*

March 28, 2002  
Humana Houston Benefits Round Table  
*How HIPAA Impacts Group Health Plans and What Group Health Plans Should be Doing to Comply*

March 26, 2002  
V&E HIPAA Consortium  
*HIPAA Overview & Extranet and Business Associates*

February 25, 2002  
America's Blood Centers Annual Meeting  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards*

February 21, 2002  
Greater Houston Partnership  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards and Obligations of Group Health Plans*

December 5, 2001  
HCCA/AHA HIPAA Forum  
*The State of HIPAA Compliance: Preliminary Findings of the HCCA HIPAA Benchmarking Study*

November 1, 2001  
AHLA Audioconference  
*The National Practitioner Data Bank - Has It Accomplished Its Objectives?*

October 30, 2001  
Enron Corp.  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards and Obligations of Group Health Plans*

August 28, 2001  
Nix Medical Center  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards and Texas Privacy Legislation*

August 14, 2001  
Northeast Medical Center Hospital  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards and Texas Privacy Legislation*

August 6, 2001  
HCA Inc.  
HCI National Risk Management Conference  
*CEO Role in Credentialing, Privileging & Peer Review*  
*Impaired and/or Disruptive Physicians: The Legal Implications*

July 17, 2001  
Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards and Texas Privacy Legislation*

June 18-20, 2001  
American Health Lawyers Association  
Annual Meeting  
*Physician Deselection from Managed Care Organizations*  
*Impaired and/or Disruptive Physicians*

March 9, 2001  
The Woman's Hospital of Texas  
*HIPAA Privacy Standards and Texas Privacy Legislation*

March 5, 2001  
Texas Children's Hospital  
*Duties of Hospitals and Physicians under*  
*EMTALA and Texas Transfer Regulations*

February 7, 2001  
HCA Inc.  
*Credentialing and Peer Review Issues Seminar*

February 6, 2001  
Greater Houston Society of Risk Management  
*Update on the Final HIPAA Privacy Standards*  
*and Recent Texas Legislation*

January 16, 2001  
Spring Branch Medical Center  
*"EMTALA" What you Need to Know*

December 6, 2000  
Texas Children's Hospital  
*Duties of Hospitals and Physicians under  
EMTALA and Texas Transfer Regulations*

July 26, 2000  
E-Health Commerce:  
HIPAA and Health Care Fraud and Abuse Conference  
*HIPAA Security and Privacy Standards*

July 24, 2000  
Lake Charles Memorial Hospital  
*HIPAA Security and Privacy Regulations: An Overview*

June 19, 2000  
American Health Lawyers Association  
Annual Meeting  
*Impaired and/or Disruptive Physicians*

April 26, 2000  
Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.  
HIPAA Symposium  
*HIPAA Security and Privacy Standards*

April 6, 2000  
University of Texas School of Law  
Health Law Conference  
*HIPAA Security and Privacy Standards*

March 22, 2000  
University of Texas Health Systems  
HIPAA Privacy Regulations  
*Implementation of the HIPAA Privacy and Security Standards for Health Care Providers and Health Plans*

March 2, 2000  
American Health Lawyers Association  
Hospitals and Health Systems Law Institute  
*Medical Errors*

April 13, 1999  
The University of Houston Law Center  
Health Law Organization  
*Health Law Topics*

April 8, 1999  
The University of Texas School of Law  
Eleventh Annual Health Law Conference  
*Credentialing*

January 22-23, 1999  
American Bar Association  
AIDS Coordinating Committee  
AIDS Symposium  
Facilitator, Panel: *HIV/AIDS in the Workplace & Beyond*

December 7, 1998  
American Health Lawyers Association  
Managed Care Conference  
*Credentialing and Peer Review Committee*  
*Deselection and Termination Without Cause Clauses*

July 30, 1998  
Texas Woman' Hospital  
Medical Staff Meeting  
*The Rights and Responsibilities of Physicians and HIV*

April 15-17, 1998  
The University of Texas School of Law  
Tenth Annual Health Law Conference  
*Credentialing and Deselection in the Managed Care Era*

November 12, 1997  
Medical Group Management Association, Gulf Coast Chapter  
*Senate Bill 386: The Managed Care Accountability Act of 1997*

September 4-5, 1997  
The University of Texas School of Law  
Suing and Defending Managed Health Care Providers  
*Credentialing, Peer Review, and Litigation*

April 17-18, 1997  
The University of Texas School of Law  
Ninth Annual Health Law Conference  
*Credentialing for Texas Health Care Facilities*

March 29, 1997  
National Association of Medical Staff Services  
*Credentialing and Managed Care Organizations*

March 1, 1997  
National Association of Medical Staff Services  
*Credentialing and Managed Care Organizations*

February 25, 1997  
Harris County Health Department  
Project Monitoring Section's Site Visit Guidelines Workshop  
*HIV: Confidentiality*

November 8, 1996  
American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, Houston Chapter  
*Liability Under Managed Care*

April 11-12, 1996  
The University of Texas School of Law  
Eighth Annual Health Law Conference  
*Direct Contracting: the Employer's Perspective/the Provider's Perspective*

September 7, 1995  
Pediatric Managed Care Symposium  
*Reengineering Credentialing and Utilization Review in Managed Care*

May 13, 1995  
Texas Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology  
*Legal Aspects of Assisted Reproductive Technology*

April 20-21, 1995  
The University of Texas School of Law  
Seventh Annual Health Law Conference  
*Reengineering Credentialing*

March 10, 1995  
The New York Academy of Medicine  
Community Forum, Perspectives in HIV Care: A View from the Frontlines  
*HIV-Infected Health Care Workers - The Legal Issues*

February 24, 1995  
AIDS Symposium VIII  
*AIDS Legislation, Ethics & Health Care Providers*

November 18-19, 1994  
Houston Bar Association  
AIDS Committee Institute  
*Medical, Legal, and Ethical Issues*

June 16-17, 23-24, 1994  
American Bar Association, San Francisco, California; Boston, Massachusetts  
*AIDS and the Law*

April 8, 1994  
The University of Texas School of Law  
Sixth Annual Health Law Conference  
*Credentialing and Managed Care Organizations*

January 8, 1994  
Greater Houston Hospital Council  
*Political and Ethical Implications of Medical Futility*

November 5, 1993  
Houston Volunteer Lawyers Association/Houston Bar Association  
*Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Testing, Confidentiality, and Refusal to Treat*

August 9, 1993  
American Bar Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York  
*Coping with HIV/AIDS in the Modern Workplace*

April 1, 1993  
The University of Texas School of Law  
Fifth Annual Health Law Conference  
*Access to HealthCare--The Emergency Department*

September 30, 1992  
Sixth Annual AIDS Liability Symposium  
*Legal Developments Related to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*

May 5, 1992  
Women Attorneys in Tax and Probate  
*Living Wills*

April 10, 1992  
The University of Texas School of Law  
Fourth Annual Health Law Conference  
*Patient Anti-Dumping Act*

April 4, 1992  
South Central Association of Blood Banks  
*Legal Issues*

December 10, 1991  
Greater Houston Society for Medical Staff Services  
*The Question of Health Status and How it Relates to Your Medical Staff*

November 6, 1991  
HCA Medical Center Hospital and The Woman's Hospital of Texas  
Symposium on AIDS  
*In-Hospital Transmission of the AIDS Virus: Protecting the Care Giver*

November 2, 1991  
The Texas Bar Association Health Law Section  
*AIDS and the Healthcare Provider*

September 25, 1991  
Fifth Annual AIDS Liability Symposium  
*AIDS and The Health Care Provider: An Overview of Legislative, Regulatory, and Case Law Developments*

September 18, 1991  
Greater Houston Society for Healthcare Risk Management  
Education Day  
*Recent Judicial and Legislative Highlights in Health Law*

April 12, 1991  
The University of Texas School of Law  
Third Annual Health Law Conference  
*The Impact of the Health Care Quality Improvement Act on Peer Review*

November 9, 1990  
Houston Bar Association  
AIDS Committee Seminar  
*Texas Legislation and Regulations Related to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*

October 6, 1990  
Baylor University  
Practice Development Seminar  
*Physician Contracts and Business Organizations - Legal Considerations*

June 27, 1990  
Medical Center Hospital  
*Emergency Medical Treatment and Patient Transfers: The OBRA '89 Amendments*

June 3-5, 1990  
Texas Hospital Association  
61st Annual Convention  
*Medicare Fraud and Abuse and the Stark Bill*

April 30, 1990  
Fourth Annual AIDS Liability Symposium  
*Legal Developments Related to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*

March 23, 1990  
University of Texas School of Law  
Second Annual Health Law Conference,  
*Allied Health Professionals*

March 15-16, 1990  
University of Houston Law Center Health Law Institute  
Moderator, *Mental Health in the 1990s*

February 15, 1990  
The Methodist Hospital  
*Nursing Peer Review and Drug Reporting*

February 6, 1990  
Greater Houston Society for Healthcare Risk Management  
General Meeting  
*Recent State and Federal Legislation*

September 14, 1989  
University of Houston  
Forensic Medicine Class  
*Aids Liability Exposure for Blood Banks and Hospitals*

April 30, 1989  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Current Concepts in Obstetrics and Gynecology: HIV Infection in the Mother and Child  
*Legal Issues Confronting Physicians, Hospitals, and Blood Banks*

April 26, 1989  
AABB Teleconference  
*Legal Issues in Blood Banking Transfusion Medicine*

March 15, 1989  
SCAAB Conference  
Third Annual AIDS Liability Symposium  
*Legislative, Regulatory, and Case Law AIDS Update*

November 30, 1988  
Southern Methodist University  
*Medical Staff Issues*

November 4, 1988  
Texas Bar Association  
1988 Texas Health Law Conference  
*AIDS Update*

October 6, 1988  
University of Houston  
Forensic Medicine Class  
*AIDS Update*

April 27, 1988  
Second Annual AIDS Liability Symposium  
*Legislative and Regulatory Developments*

November 20, 1987  
AIDS Liability Symposium  
*Legislative and Regulatory Developments*

September 2, 1987  
First Annual AIDS Liability Symposium  
*Legislative and Regulatory Developments*

November 12, 1987  
Private Healthcare Systems, Ltd.  
*Texas Preferred Provider Regulations*

November 2, 1987  
The Gulf Coast Independent Organ Procurement Organization  
*Legal Aspects of Required Requests*

October 22, 1987  
Texas Gulf Coast Quality Assurance Professionals  
*Legislative and Regulatory Developments in the Health Industry*

October 6, 1987  
The Woman's Hospital of Texas  
*Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986*

October 3, 1987; February 21, 1987  
Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center  
*Legal Aspects of Blood Transfusions*

April 29, 1987  
Greater Houston Society of Healthcare Risk Management  
*Texas Tort Reform Proposals*

March 13, 1986  
The Methodist Hospital  
*Texas Transfer Rules*

March 5, 1986  
Council of Hospital Chiefs of Staff  
*Alternative Delivery Systems*

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