# MUNSCH HARDT

Dallas Austin Houston

#### Attorneys & Counselors



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## Education

- J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law
  - *Texas Review of Law and Politics* (Associate Editor)
- B.A. from Columbia University

#### **Bar Admissions**

Texas

#### **Related Practices**

Corporate & Securities Joint Ventures Mergers & Acquisitions Private Securities Offerings

#### **Related Industries**

Health Care

#### Achievements

*Chambers USA* – Leaders in Their Field, Healthcare Law – Texas (2019-2025) *H Texas Magazine* – Houston's Top Lawyers, Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions (2015-2017) *Houstonia Magazine* – Top Lawyer



# **Overview**

Stuart represents health care clients in corporate and regulatory matters in all stages, from formation and governance issues, operations and compliance, to potential exits. Having practiced for over twenty years, Stuart is familiar with the evolution of the Health Care Industry and its various business arrangements.

Stuart regularly advises health care clients regarding compliance with the federal Anti-Kickback Act, the Stark Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and the corresponding state laws. Stuart advises physicians and non-physicians who wish to invest in health care related business such as labs, pharmacies, med spas and telehealth companies.

Stuart has been recognized as a leading attorney in his field by *Chambers USA* – Texas, *The Best Lawyers in America®* and *Texas Super Lawyers*. He previously served as president of the Greater Houston Healthcare Alliance and as chair of the Houston Bar Association's Health Law Section. Stuart also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Clear Lake for ten years, where he taught a graduate level course on the legal aspects of health care administration.



*Thomson Reuters* – Texas Super Lawyers (2014-2023); Texas Rising Stars (2007-2012)

*Woodward/White, Inc.* – Best Lawyers in America, Health Care Law (2013-2025)

#### **Memberships**

American Health Law Association

Greater Houston Healthcare Alliance (President, 2014-2016) Houston Bar Association, Health Law Section (Chair, 2013-2014) Texas Bar Association

# **Experience**

Health Care M&A

Represented a hospital system in their acquisition of numerous surgical hospitals.

# Health Care M&A

Represented a dermatology practice in a sale to private equity firm.

# Health Care M&A

Represented a family care practice in the sale of the practice to a subsidiary of United Healthcare.

#### Health Care M&A

Represented a multi-specialty practice in the buying of its independence from a large hospital system.

#### Health Care M&A

Represented a cardiology practice in the acquisition of a local practice.

## **Health Care M&A**

Represented numerous dialysis centers in their respective sales to DaVita and Fresenius.



#### **Health Care M&A**

Represented a reproductive endocrinology and infertility (REI) practice in its sale to a private equity firm.

# Health Care M&A

Represented a mobile IV hydration company in its sale to a private equity firm.

#### Health Care M&A

Represented a family office backed company in its acquisition of numerous pain management practices.

## **Health Care Joint Ventures**

Represented a group of urologists in a radiation therapy joint venture.

#### **Health Care Joint Ventures**

Represented a group of surgeons in the formation and offering of the investment in ambulatory surgery centers and a physician owned hospital.

## **Health Care Joint Ventures**

Represented physicians in the creation of labs, pharmacies, imaging centers, hospices and a management services organization.

## **Health Care Agreements**

Represented numerous practices and other healthcare entities in their day to day practice – management agreements, services agreements and employment agreements.

## **Health Care Practice Representation**

Represented practices and other providers as they joined forces to create an integrated delivery network.



## **Physician Representation**

Represented physicians before the Texas Medical Board.

# **Regulatory Counsel**

Regularly advise clients on potential business transactions in order to determine how to structure the arrangement in compliance with the federal and state fraud and abuse laws.

# **Regulatory Counsel**

Represented labs and other providers under investigation with the OIG.

# **Regulatory Counsel**

Represented providers in response to a HIPAA breach situation with the OCR.

# Telehealth

Represented a telehealth platform that provides same day delivery of prescriptions to patients.

#### Telehealth

Represented telehealth providers that focus on mental health.

#### **Telehealth**

Represented telehealth providers and practices as they learned how to transition to telehealth.

## Health Care Franchising

Represented physicians in a franchising surgery center concept.

## Health Care Center Sale

Represented client in the sale of numerous dialysis centers in a multimillion dollar transaction.



#### **Health Care Private Offerings**

Prepared private placement memoranda and other related documentation for private offerings for hospitals, imaging centers and other clients in the health care industry.

## Health Care Compliance

Advised health care clients on complying with the federal Anti-Kickback Act, the Stark Act and the HIPAA.

## Health Care Corporate Counsel

Guided a publicly-traded company through the divestiture of several surgery centers and various corporate matters.

#### Hospital Bankruptcy Acquisition

Represented a company in the purchase of a hospital out of bankruptcy.

# Health Care Compliance

Represented a local hospital system in day-to-day operations and compliance issues.

# Newsroom

Press Release: 2025 Chambers USA Directory Ranks Practices + Attorneys at Munsch Hardt

Speech: Understanding the Impact of Private Equity Acquisitions on Physician Practices

Speech: Business of Pain Medicine

Blog: The New Corporate Whistleblower Awards Pilot Program

Speech: Current Legal Issues Involving Ketamine Clinics

Press Release: Fifty-Five (55) Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored in 2025 Best Lawyers in America Directory

Press Release: Chambers USA 2024 Directory Ranks Munsch Hardt Practices and Attorneys

Speech: Understanding the Impact of Private Equity Acquisitions on Physician Practices

Press Release: 13 Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized in 2023 Texas Super Lawyers® Directory

**Press Release**: 'Best Lawyers in America®' Names 48 Munsch Hardt Attorneys to its 2024 List and Two as 'Lawyers of the Year'

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Speech: Ketamine and Legal Implications

Press Release: Chambers USA 2023 Directory Highlights Munsch Hardt Practices + Attorneys

Speech: Private Equity Acquisition & Its Realities

Press Release: 2022 Texas Super Lawyers® Recognizes 12 Munsch Hardt Attorneys

Blog: The Inflation Reduction Act: Improving Quality and Decreasing Costs for Health Care

**Press Release**: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as 2023 'Best Lawyers in America®,' 'Ones to Watch', and 'Lawyer of the Year'

Speech: Legal Considerations in Ketamine Clinics

Press Release: Six Munsch Hardt Practice Groups and 12 Lawyers Ranked by Chambers USA 2022

Blog: Pharmacogenomics: DNA Is Not Your Destiny

Article: Healthcare Risk Management December Newsletter

Speech: Legal Issues in the Ketamine Space

**Press Release**: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as 2022 'Best Lawyers in America', 'Ones to Watch' and 'Lawyer of the Year'

Article: Trends That Aim to Reduce Costs, Improve Outcomes and Ensure Health Care Benefits for Your Workforce

Press Release: Chambers USA 2021 Rankings Include Six Munsch Hardt Practice Groups and Ten Attorneys

Speech: The Changing Face of Healthcare

Press Release: Thirteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named to 2020 Texas Super Lawyers List

Press Release: Strategic Growth Remains a Major Focus for Munsch Hardt in 2020