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Main Bio

Pilar's goal is to provide personalized, efficient, and innovative support and the best possible client-driven solution.

Pilar assists with all aspects of health care investigations and litigation matters, including legal research, regulatory and compliance counsel, due diligence reviews, policy analysis and development, and preparing witnesses appearing in briefings, transcribed interviews, and hearings before government entities. Drawing on her experience in the federal government, Pilar advises a variety of healthcare and industry-related clients, including nonprofit organizations, hospitals, hospice and home health care facilities, and physician groups on matters presenting significant legal, political, operational, and reputational risks.

As a senior oversight counsel in the Biden-Harris Administration, Pilar continued to cultivate considerable healthcare industry knowledge, developed strategic responses to congressional and other government requests and subpoenas, and transformed federal policies and procedures. She uses that insight to help drive change and make a difference for our clients. Her desire to help others is enhanced by her exceptional work ethic, effective communication skills, attention to detail, and persistence.

Pilar brings a unique perspective to clients, having worked for a U.S. Senator, the federal government, hospitals, nonprofit organizations, public interest organizations, and state health departments, where she helped address critical health and human services concerns such as supply chain management, data breaches, healthcare disparities, access to care, and patient safety.

Articles and Presentations

- Annals of Health Law Advanced Directive: Imprisoned Hispanic/Latinx Individuals Need Access to Culturally Competent Mental Health Treatment: Why a lack of cultural

Related Practices

Benesch Healthcare+

Legislative Affairs & Advocacy

Regulatory & Compliance/Audit & Appeals

White Collar, Government Investigations & Regulatory Compliance

Fraud & Abuse

Contract Preparation, Negotiation & Compliance

Health Care Litigation

Education

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2020, J.D.
- Moot Court Chief Justice of one of the Top 10 programs in the country; Best Oralist and Runner-Up National Health Law Moot Court Competition; President, Health Law Society; Editor of Annals of Health Law and Life Sciences Journal
- Dean's List; Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy Fellow; Michael Shabat Appellate Advocacy Fellow; Hispanic Lawyers Scholarship Fund Recipient
- The George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health, 2017, M.P.H., Global Health Policy
- New York University, 2015, B.S., Public Health
- Scholars Program

competency means Hispanic/Latinx inmates are not receiving necessary mental health treatment, March 21, 2019

News

- Pilar Mendez mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move, September 27, 2021

- Departmental Honors in Public Health
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Credentials

- Illinois
 - District of Columbia
 - U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
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Memberships

- Member, Public Interest Law Initiative Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group
- Member, Health Law Community of the District of Columbia Bar Association
- Former Co-Chair, Health and Hospital Law Committee for the Young Lawyer's Section of the Chicago Bar Association
- Former Board Director, Public Interest Law Initiative