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OVERVIEW

Having earned her JD, MHA and MBA, Zaina is uniquely positioned to help healthcare clients overcome legal, regulatory and business challenges.

Zaina is part of the firm's Healthcare Regulatory & Compliance Counseling team, which advises a wide range of clients on how to mitigate risk and ensure compliance in the ever-changing healthcare field. In addition, she works alongside the firm's Hospice & Palliative Care Team to guide hospice providers through each stage of the audit and appeal process.

"The Husch Blackwell Hospice & Palliative Care team was a great partner in the audit appeal process. They were invested in the hospice's success and demonstrated an ongoing commitment to collaboration, attention to detail, and advocacy. Not only did they keep us informed at every step of the process, they also solicited our input and incorporated our ideas wherever possible. Together, we were able to obtain a fair, favorable result, and the hospice can continue to provide quality end-of-life care to deserving patients."

 Christy Whitney, President and CEO, HopeWest

Industries

Education Healthcare Life Sciences

Services

Healthcare Regulatory & Compliance Counseling Hospice & Palliative Care Hospice Medicare & Medicaid Audits

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As a strategic and creative thinker, Zaina works closely with clients to pursue optimal paths that satisfy clients' business and healthcare goals while addressing regulatory concerns. Clients and team members appreciate Zaina for her attention to detail, ability to relate to others, and knack for identifying overlooked ideas and solutions.

Before joining the firm, Zaina held internships with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri and numerous healthcare organizations. Additionally, in 2020, she served as Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Dispute Resolution*.

Recognition

• Missouri Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame, 2021

Education

- J.D., University of Missouri School of Law
 - o Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
 - o Journal of Dispute Resolution, Editor in Chief
 - Volume 1, 2020
 - Volume 2, 2020
 - o American Inns of Court, Elwood L. Thomas Chapter
 - CALI Award in Legal Research & Writing, Property and Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution
 - o Women's Law Association, Executive Board Member
- M.B.A., University of Missouri
- M.H.A., University of Missouri
- B.S., University of Missouri
 - Business Management and Human Resources
 - Summa cum laude Honors Graduate

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Admissions

- Missouri
- Nevada (Non-Member Attorney, SCR 49.1(1)(i))
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

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