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## Steven Grigas

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” [Steven’s] guidance and strategic approach were instrumental in navigating the complexities of the legal system.

- Owner/Operator of Assisted Living Facilities

A former interim Medicaid Director, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Deputy General Counsel, and Chief Medicaid Counsel for the State of Florida, Steven Grigas has presided over the State of Florida’s \$15 billion Medicaid program with particular focus in managed care, disease management, pharmacy services, long term care, and hospital services.

Steven is well-versed in Medicaid policies and procedures, reimbursement issues, program integrity, and fraud control. His deep healthcare sector knowledge is widely recognized, and he frequently conducts presentations at both the state and federal level. Steven is also an accomplished litigator with considerable experience in administrative, state, and federal courts. In addition to his legal education, he holds an MBA from the University of Miami, and has worked in various capacities in both federal and state government.

### Notable Work

**Reimbursement and Compliance Issues:** Represented managed care organizations, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and provider groups in payment and compliance issues with the State

### Areas of Experience

Healthcare  
Health Insurers and Managed Care Organizations  
Healthcare Fraud and Abuse  
Healthcare Legislation and Government Affairs  
Healthcare Litigation  
Hospitals and Health Systems  
Medicare, Medicaid, and Third Party Reimbursement  
Pharmacy, Drugs, and Medical Devices  
Senior Living and Care

### Education

J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 1993  
M.B.A., University of Miami, 1986  
B.A., Hood College, 1979

### Admissions

#### Bars

Florida

#### Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida  
U.S. Supreme Court

### Related Content

Akerman Sponsors A Supreme Evening 2025  
January 16, 2025

Akerman Sponsors the Seminole Hard Rock  
Winterfest Black Tie Ball  
December 07, 2024

Akerman Sponsors FAHP Annual Conference  
December 02, 2024

**Licensure and Certification Matters:** Represented clinics, managed care organizations, and providers in change of ownership, licensure, and certification issues with the State.

**Procurement/Bid Disputes:** Represented State in defense of multi-million dollar health services contract awards. Represented providers in challenges to multi-million dollar health services contract awards.

**Contracts and Agreements:** Drafted, reviewed, and revised significant number of contracts and agreements between Florida health care providers, managed care organizations, hospitals, pharmacies, and long-term care facilities. Negotiated and drafted settlements, letters of intent, and plans of correction

**Tobacco Litigation:** Represented the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration in billion dollar litigation against the tobacco industry.

**Complex Litigation:** Represented the State of Florida in multi-million dollar breach of contract action for statewide healthcare computer system provided by national vendor.

**Start-Up Implementation:** Represented national managed care organizations and health care providers in obtaining Florida licensure and certification necessary to enter the Florida marketplace.

**Pharmacy Litigation:** Represented Agency for Health Care Administration in federal appeal by PhRMA of the validity of Florida's Value Added pharmacy program

## Related Professional Experience

- Florida Medicaid, Deputy Secretary
- Florida Medicaid, Assistant Deputy Secretary
- Florida Medicaid, Chief Medicaid Counsel
- Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, Deputy General Counsel
- Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, Senior Attorney
- Florida Health and Rehabilitative Services Litigation Unit, Attorney
- AIBC Financial (Investment Banking), Vice President of Operations
- University of Miami, Department of Family Medicine, Clinic Administrator

## Published Work and Lectures

- [Health Law Rx Blog, Editor & Contributor](#)
- Florida Bar Annual Meeting, Health Law Executive Council, 2024 Legislative Session Summary
- The Florida Bar, Health Law Section Newsletter, Author, "Florida's Medicaid Expansion Debate: Cost Considerations and Implications for the Uninsured," February 2019
- The Florida Bar, Meeting of the Board of Governors, Speaker, "Health Law Section Report," January 20, 2017
- Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), 6th Annual Healthcare CPE Forum, Speaker, "Legislative Update," January 19th, 2017

- The Florida Bar, Health Law Section Newsletter, Author, “Notes From the Chair,” Vol. XVII, No. 10, Fall 2016
- The Florida Bar, Health Law Section Newsletter, Co-Author, “Healthcare Providers, Listen Up: Accommodating Patients Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or of Limited English Proficiency,” Vol. XVII, No.9, May 2016
- The Florida Bar Health Law Section, Speaker, “2015 Legislative Update,” June 25, 2015
- The Florida Bar Health Law Section, Speaker, “2013 Legislative Update,” July 9, 2013
- House Health Care Appropriations Committee, Behavioral Health Services, February 2005
- The Florida Bar Health Law Section, Speaker, “2012 Legislative Update,” August 2012
- House Future of Florida’s Families Committee Meeting, Behavioral Health Services, February 2005
- The Governor Reuben Askew FSU Center for Government, Medicaid Primer, November 2004

## Affiliations

- The Florida Bar Health Law Section, Executive Council, Chair, (2016-2017), Chair-elect (2015-2016), Treasurer (2014-2015), Secretary (2013-2014)
- *Law360*, 2016-2018, Healthcare Editorial Advisory Board, Member
- The Florida Bar, Administrative Law Section, Member
- American Health Lawyers Association, Member
- Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, Board Member
- Transportation Disadvantaged Council, Commissioner

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Chambers USA*, 2021-2024, Ranked in Florida for Healthcare
- *Best Lawyers*, 2013-2025, Listed in Florida for Health Care Law, Litigation – Health Care, Administrative / Regulatory Law
- Governor’s Letter of Commendation, Tobacco Litigation
- Davis Productivity Awards 1999, 2002, 2003