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Jill McFarland brings a rare combination of legal skill and real-world health care experience, offering strategic counsel to payers, insurers, managed care organizations, and a wide range of health care entities on complex regulatory and business issues.

Jill leads Lewis Rice's Health Care Practice Group and brings more than 20 years of experience in the health care industry to her legal practice. She advises health care payers, insurers, and managed care organizations on licensing, compliance, contract negotiations, and provider, vendor, and regulatory relationships. Jill also represents a wide range of health care entities, including pharmacy benefit managers, behavioral health organizations, hospitals, health systems, national ancillaries, pharmacies, laboratories, physician groups, and individual providers.

Before beginning her legal career, Jill spent more than a decade in the managed care industry and earned her M.B.A. Her work focused on network development, negotiation, cost-containment consulting, and credentialing, giving her direct insight into provider relationship management, reimbursement methodologies, and accreditation requirements. This background informs her approach to navigating the complex health care landscape on behalf of her clients.

Jill also handles matters involving real estate, general transactions, and mergers and acquisitions. She works with a diverse group of corporate clients, including nonprofit organizations, banks and bank holding companies, universities, and school districts.

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2010)
 - *Saint Louis University Law Journal*
 - Legal Research and Writing, research assistant
 - Academic Excellence awards in Legal Research and Writing I & II, Civil Procedure I & II, Secured Transactions, Health Care Law
 - Law School Dean's Honor Scholar (three-year scholarship)
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (M.B.A., 2002)

Services

- Health Care
- Real Estate
- Employee Benefits
- Data Protection
- U.S. State Privacy Laws

- University of Illinois (B.S., 1999)
 - Health Administration and Planning

Legal Background

- Summer associate, Lewis Rice LLC (2010)

Professional Affiliations

- American Health Lawyers Association
- Missouri Society of Hospital Attorneys
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- St. Louis Area Health Lawyers Association
- Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis

Firm Committees

- Member, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
- Member, Lewis Rice Women to Women Committee
- Co-chair, Recruiting Committee
- Former Member, Audit Response Committee

Corporate Background

- Manager, corporate contracting & network development, Centene Corp. (2006-2010)
- Director, network development, HealthSCOPE Benefits, formerly CNA Health Partners (2000-2006)
- Assistant to CFO, St. Mary's Hospital (1999-2000)