

# The Complete Course <sup>for</sup> Medical Staff Leaders

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# TOPICS

## CREDENTIALING AND PRIVILEGING TIPS & TOOLS

### MEET DR. ELLIOTT EMBER! (INITIAL APPLICANT CASE STUDY)

#### TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE CREDENTIALING

- Establishing detailed threshold criteria
- Appropriately considering waivers
- Giving and getting references
- Managing incomplete applications
- Addressing misrepresentations administratively
- Aligning recruitment and credentialing

#### PRIVILEGING DISASTERS & MANAGING PRIVILEGING CHALLENGES

- Delineating Privileges: Core privileges, special privileges, and how to decide who is granted what
- Low and no volume
- Privileges for new treatments and procedures
- Privileges that cross specialty and disciplinary lines
- Privileges for Advanced Practice Professionals

## PEER REVIEW STRATEGIES

#### TIPS FOR NAVIGATING THE PROGRESSIVE STEPS OF PEER REVIEW

- Deciding if precautionary suspension is appropriate – and acting on that decision
- When and how to notify a practitioner that clinical concerns have been raised through the peer review process
- Obtaining meaningful practitioner input
- Efficiently handling diversionary tactics (including failure to respond, refusal to attend meetings, etc.)
- Addressing conflicts of interest in credentialing and peer review matters
- Crafting a peer review process focused on voluntary engagement and measured improvement, rather than conclusory judgments
- Choosing the right collegial, progressive steps to manage questions or concerns about a practitioner
- Deciding whether to pursue collegial intervention vs. more formal action
- Drafting effective, enforceable performance improvement plans
- Documenting peer review activities

### GETTING DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR UNDER CONTROL BEFORE IT RUINS YOUR CULTURE AND JEOPARDIZES PATIENT CARE

#### TIPS FOR NAVIGATING THE PROGRESSIVE STEPS OF PEER REVIEW WHEN UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IS AT ISSUE

- Choosing the best person for the job
- Heading off retaliation against those who report conduct
- When to consider a psychiatric evaluation
- When the physician perceives themselves as the lone champion of quality
- Managing avoidance tactics swiftly, administratively, and without breaking a sweat
- Stay on track! How to avoid distractions, deflections, and threats raised by the practitioner
- Drafting – and monitoring – performance improvement plans for a colleague with conduct issues

### PLANNING A COLLEGIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS A BEHAVIORAL CONCERN – A VARIATION ON A FAMILIAR THEME!

#### NAVIGATING PRACTITIONER HEALTH ISSUES

- What – and when – to ask about health issues during the credentialing process
- Types of impairment that should be on your radar
- Requesting that a practitioner undergo a health evaluation – a few preparatory steps can improve your chances of getting helpful information
- Drafting – and monitoring – performance improvement plans for a colleague with a health impairment
- Managing leaves of absence and reinstatement

### BULLETPROOF INVESTIGATIONS AND MEANINGFUL MEC ACTION

### MAXIMIZING LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR MEDICAL STAFF LEADERS, UNDER THE LAW AND IN ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS

# FACULTY/ACCREDITATION



## LeeAnne Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell is a partner with the law firm of Horty, Springer & Mattern, P.C. in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has worked extensively on medical staff matters, including working with hospitals and their medical staffs on the development of new Medical Staff Bylaws, credentials policies, and other medical staff related policies and procedures, advising on practitioner-specific credentialing, privileging, and peer review matters, and working with medical staff leaders involved in formal investigations and medical staff due process hearings. She also works with hospitals on matters related to institutional review boards and research-related compliance issues. She has served as a faculty member on the HortySpringer seminars *Strategies for Managing Physician Health and Disruptive Conduct*, *The Credentialing Clinic*, and, along with Rachel Remaley, she currently leads the *The Complete Course for Medical Staff Leaders*.

LeeAnne earned her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. While in law school, she also completed the coursework toward a master's degree in bioethics and was the recipient of the CALI Award for Excellence in Health Care Fraud and Abuse.

LeeAnne has served as a Community Member of the University of Pittsburgh Institutional Review Board since 2000 and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Carlynton School District. She is also a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, as well as the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations.



## Rachel Remaley

Ms. Remaley joined the law firm of Horty, Springer & Mattern, P.C. in 2000 and is a partner in the firm. Often described as genuine and “real,” Rachel has an easy-going demeanor balanced with a detail-oriented approach. She tends to be a creative thinker, working with clients and colleagues to fashion new methods for addressing old problems.

Rachel's legal practice is focused solely on hospital, health system, and medical staff matters. She has helped countless clients manage difficult credentialing and peer review issues and frequently works with hospital and physician leaders to review and revise Medical Staff Bylaws and other Medical Staff documents. Rachel often provides education regarding these matters, presenting customized onsite education to health systems, hospitals, hospital boards, and medical staff leaders regularly throughout the year. In addition, beginning in the fall of 2022, Rachel began serving as a faculty member for HortySpringer's *The Complete Course for Medical Staff Leaders*. She has previously served as a faculty member for a number of other HortySpringer seminars, including: *The Physician Employment Institute*, *The Credentialing Clinic*, *The Peer Review Clinic*, and *Strategies for Managing Physician Health and Disruptive Conduct*.

## Hala Mouzaffar

HALA MOUZAFFAR is an associate attorney with the law firm of Horty, Springer & Mattern, P.C. in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She handles projects from each of the firm's practice areas, assisting clients on a broad range of corporate, regulatory, and transactional matters.

Hala is an editor and assistant editor of the firm's Health Law Express, a weekly e-newsletter on the latest health law developments. She also served as an editor for the first edition of the American Health Law Association The Complete Medical Staff, Peer Review, and Hearing Guidebook. Hala is also the cohost of The Kickback Chronicles, a segment on the firm's podcast, Health Law Expressions, that discusses fraud in the healthcare industry. She is a current faculty member of the HortySpringer seminar Credentialing for Excellence and has previously served as a faculty member for the HortySpringer seminar Hospital-Physician Contracts and Compliance Clinic.

Hala earned her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and obtained the school's Certificate of Advanced Study in Health Law. While there, she served as a member of the University of Pittsburgh Law Review and as the publication's first Executive Editor for the Online Edition. Prior to attending law school, Hala obtained her B.S. in Neuroscience with a Certificate in the Conceptual Foundations of Medicine from the University of Pittsburgh.

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## EDUCATIONAL INTENT

At the Complete Course, seminar faculty LeeAnne Mitchell, Rachel Remaley and Hala Mouzaffar will use case studies and other engaging scenarios, based on their combined 45+ years of experience providing legal and consulting services to physician leaders, to help Medical Staff leaders hone the strategies and tools necessary to tackle the toughest credentialing, privileging, peer review, and related leadership challenges.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Medical Staff Officers
- Department Chiefs
- Credentials Committee Members
- MEC Members
- Bylaws Committee Members
- VPMAs, CMOs, and Medical Directors
- Medical Staff Services Professionals
- Quality/Performance Improvement Directors
- Hospital Management
- Hospital Counsel

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### *Three Half-Day format*

#### *Day One*

7:00 TO 8:00 AM – Breakfast  
8:00 AM TO NOON – Seminar Session  
9:45 TO 10:00 AM – Break  
NOON – Day 1 Adjourns  
  
5:30 TO 6:30 PM – Informal Reception

#### *Day Two*

7:00 TO 8:00 AM – Breakfast  
8:00 AM TO NOON – Seminar Session  
9:45 TO 10:00 AM – Break  
NOON – Day 2 Adjourns

#### *Day Three*

6:00 TO 7:00 AM – Breakfast  
7:00 TO 11:00 AM – Seminar Session  
8:45 TO 9:00 AM – Break  
11:00 AM – Seminar Adjourns

## SEMINAR SCHEDULE

### *One-and-a-Half-Day format*

#### *Day One*

7:00 TO 8:00 AM – Breakfast  
8:00 AM TO 3:30 PM – Seminar Session  
10:00 TO 10:15 AM – Break

NOON TO 1:00 PM – Lunch (*Provided*)

1:00 TO 3:30 PM - Seminar Session  
2:15 TO 2:30 PM - Break  
3:30 PM - Day 1 Adjourns

#### *Day Two*

6:00 TO 7:00 AM – Breakfast  
7:00 TO 11:00 AM – Seminar Session  
8:45 TO 9:00 AM – Break  
11:00 AM – Seminar Adjourns

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