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Mara represents healthcare and life sciences companies in complex regulatory matters, with a particular focus on fraud & abuse and reimbursement.

Mara advises clients across multiple contexts, providing strategic counsel in government investigations and enforcement actions, internal investigations, supporting mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions, and offering day-to-day regulatory guidance. Her deep expertise in healthcare fraud and abuse laws—including the Anti-Kickback Statute, Stark Law, False Claims Act, and Civil Monetary Penalties Law—enables her to help clients navigate the intricate regulatory landscape governing healthcare operations and business arrangements. With comprehensive knowledge of federal and state healthcare regulations, Mara works closely with hospitals, health systems, pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, digital health companies, PBMs, and other life sciences organizations to structure compliant business models, assess regulatory risk, and resolve enforcement matters. She provides practical, business-oriented counsel that allows healthcare organizations to achieve their strategic objectives while maintaining rigorous compliance with applicable legal requirements. Other areas of expertise include clinical research, FDA regulations, scope of practice, and government healthcare program participation.

Mara's *pro bono* work includes representing asylum seekers and advising not-for-profit health care and public health organizations.

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch in America*, Health Care Law, 2025-2026

Additional Information

Applying Allina to the World of Escobar: Avoiding 'Traps, Zaps, and Zingers' in Medicare

Education

- Columbia University School of Law (J.D., 2017)
 - James Kent Scholar
 - Editor in Chief, *A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual*
 - Staff Editor, *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*
- University of Chicago (B.A., 2012)
 - General and Department Honors

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Minnesota

False Claims Actions, 31 Health Matrix: Journal of Law and Medicine 155 (2021)

Sex, Drugs, and Advisory Committees: An Analysis of Pharmaceutical Industry Manipulation of FDA Vulnerability to Sociopolitical Influences on Matters of Women's Health, 48 Columbia Human Rights Law Review 2 (2017).

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July 13, 2026

Proposed CMS Rule Ramps Up Potential Medicare Fraud Administrative Remedies

July 11, 2024

The False Claims Act and the Anti-Kickback Statute: Causation, Materiality, and the Connection Between the Two

Insights

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Proposed CMS Rule Ramps Up Potential Medicare Fraud Administrative Remedies

May 7, 2024

Healthcare Fraud: A World Beyond the Anti-Kickback Statute