



Lauren A. Leikam, PLLC Releases Comprehensive Guide for Healthcare Professionals Facing Florida Licensing Board Hearings

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Lauren A. Leikam, PLLC, a Tampa-based law firm specializing in healthcare licensing defense, has released a detailed guide addressing what to expect at a Florida licensing board hearing. The resource provides healthcare professionals with essential information about the administrative proceedings that can significantly impact their careers and livelihoods.

The guide comes at a critical time when healthcare professionals across Florida face increasing scrutiny from regulatory boards. Administrative complaints and investigations by the Florida Department of Health can lead to formal hearings that determine whether disciplinary action against a professional license is warranted. These proceedings, while not criminal trials, carry substantial consequences for medical practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, and other licensed healthcare providers.

Lauren A. Leikam, founder and principal attorney of the firm, brings unique perspective to this guidance, having previously served as a prosecutor for the Florida Department of Health before dedicating her practice exclusively to defending healthcare professionals. The firm's comprehensive guide explains the

administrative nature of these proceedings, clarifies that no jury is present, and details how state licensing boards make determinations about disciplinary actions.

"Healthcare professionals often enter these hearings with misconceptions about the process and their rights," said Lauren Leikam, principal attorney at Lauren A. Leikam, PLLC. "Understanding the structure of these administrative proceedings, who participates, and how to prepare can make a substantial difference in the outcome. Our guide addresses everything from the types of proceedings that may occur to practical matters like what to wear and how to present oneself before the board."

The resource covers various types of proceedings that may occur before a Florida licensing board, including settlement agreements, informal hearings, reviews of recommended orders from formal hearings, and applications. It also addresses common reasons why cases are scheduled for board meetings and explains the nature of Administrative Complaints in Florida.

Christa S. Dunsmore, senior healthcare attorney at the firm, brings additional expertise to the practice with over twelve years of legal experience and a background as a registered nurse. This dual perspective enhances the firm's ability to understand both the legal and practical challenges healthcare professionals face during investigations and hearings. Dunsmore has extensive experience in medical malpractice defense, nursing home litigation, and has served as a legal nurse expert in personal injury cases.

The guide provides practical preparation strategies for healthcare professionals scheduled to appear before their licensing boards. It details what the hearing room environment will be like, who will be present, and what to expect on the day of the hearing. The resource also addresses common misconceptions about licensing and Department of Health board hearings that can disadvantage unprepared practitioners.

Lauren A. Leikam, PLLC represents physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other licensed healthcare professionals throughout Florida in matters involving Department of Health investigations, administrative complaints, and licensing challenges. The firm provides defense strategies tailored to each client's specific situation, whether facing medical license defense issues, nursing license defense matters, pharmacist license defense cases, or other professional licensing concerns. With offices in Tampa, the firm serves healthcare professionals statewide, conducting initial consultations by phone to accommodate clients regardless of location.

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