

## ***Kristin L. DeGroat, Esq.***

### ***Experience***

Ms. Kristin DeGroat is the Healthcare Reimbursement and Compliance Counsel for Southwest Consulting Associates, Inc. (SCA). She enjoys the challenge that the Medicare cost report appeals process brings to the litigation environment. She is fully versed in health care and governmental regulations and brings courtroom experience to SCA. One of the primary benefits of working with Ms. DeGroat is her professional working relationships with the Provider Reimbursement Review Board (PRRB), various Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and Providers. Ms. DeGroat is also skilled at mediating and possesses highly effective verbal communication, negotiation, and organizational skills. She has mediated hundreds of appeals that have settled favorably for various Providers. She is a licensed attorney and insurance adjuster in the State of Texas.

### ***With Extensive Experience Serving***

Ms. DeGroat has worked with various types of Providers, including:

- For Profit and Not-For-Profit Health Care Organizations/Systems
- Acute and Non-Acute Health Care Organizations/Systems
- Teaching Hospitals
- Government Hospitals

### ***Areas of Specialization***

Ms. DeGroat possesses expertise in:

- Medicare and Medicaid Reimbursement Appeals and Reopenings Cases
- Trial Proceedings
- Insurance Policies and Procedures
- Research and Investigation.

### ***Previous Experience***

For the last 14 years, Ms. DeGroat has been in the healthcare consulting industry. Previously, Ms. DeGroat was employed at a large insurance carrier and a payor in the health care industry. Responsibilities and accomplishments included:

- Being Recognized for High Ethics and Integrity as Well as for Her Ability to Listen and Cut to the Source of Various Claims
- Handling Directors and Officers Litigation Claims
- Successfully Settling Claims Brought Against Executives of Both For-Profit and Not-For-Profit Hospitals and Hospital Systems.

Ms. DeGroat began her career with the Ellis County & District Attorney's Office where she was a Misdemeanor Prosecutor for the various Justice of the Peace and the County Court at Law.

### ***Education***

Baylor University School of Law  
Juris Doctor

Stephen F. Austin State University  
Bachelor of Science in Political Science

### ***Associations***

State Bar of Texas - Health Law Section  
American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA)  
Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA)  
American Bar Association (ABA)