



## MELISSA M. HANLON

### *Member*

Melissa Hanlon is a Member at Sulloway & Hollis and co-Chair of the firm's Medical Malpractice and Physician Advocacy Practice Groups. Melissa is an experienced trial lawyer focusing her practice on the defense of hospitals, physicians, surgeons, dentists, nurses, and other medical professionals in litigation matters and before state licensing boards. She is a member of the firm's Litigation Department and has successfully defended clients in courts throughout New Hampshire and Maine. Melissa joined the firm in 2002 and works in our Concord, NH office.

Sulloway & Hollis has been providing clients with the highest quality legal services since 1852. Headquartered in Concord, NH, we are one of the oldest and most respected law firms in the state. Over the years, we have steadily and purposefully evolved to meet the changing needs of our clients and their markets. Today, Sulloway & Hollis is a regional firm with six offices across New England, working for a broad range of clients in a diverse array of industries. While our unwavering commitment to client service, personal relationships, and problem-solving has never changed, Sulloway has embraced proven technology advancements that allow us to be more accessible and responsive to our clients.

An insightful and savvy litigator, Melissa represents clients at the trial and appellate levels and before numerous administrative boards and agencies including the Board of Medicine, Board of Nursing and the Board of Dental Examiners. In addition, she represents clients at Medical Malpractice Screening Panels in Maine and New Hampshire.

She is a tireless advocate for her clients and guides them through the litigation process, from initial claims through trial and appeal. Melissa counsels and is a frequent lecturer on behalf of hospitals, physician groups, and medical liability insurers on compliance and risk management topics.

Her broad range of experience includes defending clients in cases involving medical malpractice, professional liability, product liability, nursing home liability and sexual misconduct.

She works with health care clients on peer review and staff privilege matters. She also helps small/solo mental health/therapy practices and medical spa/wellness care centers craft a framework to effectively manage risk and compliance issues.

In addition, Melissa counsels and represents adoptive parents and birth parents in domestic adoptions. An adoptive parent herself, Melissa brings a unique and personal perspective to this work and helps clients successfully navigate the process. →



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Medical Malpractice  
Physician Advocacy  
General Litigation  
Adoption

### BAR ADMISSIONS

New Hampshire  
U.S. District Court District of NH  
Maine  
U.S. District Court District of Maine

### EDUCATION

Boston College Law School  
J.D., Doctor of Jurisprudence  
  
Colby College  
B.A. magna cum laude

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**YEAR JOINED FIRM**

2002

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London School of Economics  
 General Course Study Abroad Program

**PUBLISHED WORKS**

Kaplan, E.M. & Hanlon, M.M. "The Doctrine of Inevitable Disclosure," 54 Fed'n Def. & Corp. Couns. Q., #3, Spring 2004

A Practical Guide to Discovery & Depositions in New Hampshire (Hon. Gary E. Hicks and Daniel E. Will, Esq. – eds) – book chapter on Medical Discovery with Jay Surdukowski and Holly B. Haines

Contributed to NH Employment Law Newsletter

Four Years, and Five Hearings Later, Employee Prevails

You Can't Beat the Real Thing: Coca-Cola Prevails in Discrimination Suit

**GUEST SPEAKER / PRESENTER**

Defensible Documentation in Medical Spa Offices

*Presented at About Face Medical Aesthetics, 2020*

Guardianships, Foster Care and Advanced Directives: Issues of Consent and Access

*Presented at Weeks Medical Center, 2020*

Dealing with Difficult Patients

*Presented at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, 2020*

Defensible Documentation

*Presented at the Association of Operating Room Nurses Annual Conference, 2019*

New Hampshire's Opioid Prescription Rules: Review and Results

*Presented at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, 2018*

Medical-Legal Issues in Labor & Delivery

*Presented at Concord Hospital, 2018*

Successfully Representing Physicians at the NH Board of Medicine

*Presented to Northern NE Society for Healthcare Risk Mgmt., 2018*

Treating Minor Patients: Select Ethical & Legal Issues

*Presented to the Dept. of Behavioral Health and Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, 2017*

The Do's and Don'ts of Documentation

*Presented at Concord Hospital, 2016 and Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, 2018*

Recent Trends at the New Hampshire Board of Medicine

*Presented to Granite Shield Insurance Exchange Members, 2016*

Risk Mitigation Strategies for Physicians

*Presented at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, 2015*

Select Legal Issues for Emergency Department Nurses

*Presented at Concord Hospital, 2015*

Defensive Documentation for Surgical Services

*Presented at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, 2015*

Legal Aspects in Perinatal Nursing Documentation

*Presented at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and Concord Hospital, 2014*

An Overview of New Hampshire's Medical Malpractice Law

*Presented at NH Medical Society's Annual Meeting, 2012*

Wage and Hour Pitfalls for the Dental Practice Owner

*Presented at the NH Dental Society's Annual Meeting, 2012*

Medicare Secondary Payor Act

*Presented at New England Alliance for Health, 2011*

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Recognized as a New England "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers magazine since 2011

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Rockingham County Bar Association, Member of the Board of Directors, 2009 – 2014

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

2009 Graduate of Leadership Seacoast