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Scheherazade "Scher" Wasty is a skilled litigator who assists health care providers in navigating complex legal disputes.

Scheherazade "Scher" Wasty has extensive experience representing national health care providers that span the health care delivery spectrum in complex litigation matters. These matters include disputes over the failure to reimburse providers at in-network rates and the appropriate rate of reimbursement owed to out-of-network providers. Scher frequently appears before federal and state courts and arbitration panels nationwide. She also advises clients on complex business torts, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, collections, unfair trade and competition claims, and federal and state antitrust issues and claims.

A skilled litigator, Scher oversees all aspects of cases prior to and through trial and has significant experience with electronic discovery, taking and defending critical depositions, and arguing key motions before state and federal courts as well as arbitration panels throughout the country. She is trusted by clients to work with high-ranking executives and C-suite members to prepare them for their testimony and trial. To them, she is a driven advocate who understands her clients' businesses and goals.

Scher was a law clerk to The Honorable Jose L. Linares of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, who was subsequently appointed Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. During law school, she was a judicial intern to The Honorable Dennis M. Cavanaugh of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Representative Matters

Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

- Obtained an arbitration award of more than \$110 million (including attorneys' fees) against a large health insurer on behalf of a national emergency care provider following a six-week arbitration hearing in Miami, Florida. The dispute concerned underpayments by the insurer for medical services performed by the provider to the insurer's members in 2017 and 2018.
- Represented a national radiology group in a dispute with the nation's largest auto insurance company. The case settled on a confidential basis.
- Represented a national medical group in multiple litigations in the Southeast against a health insurer and its affiliates seeking more than \$350 million in underpayments. The cases settled on a confidential basis prior to trial.
- Represented a national emergency medicine and anesthesiology provider practice in disputes
 against a national insurance company for breach of contract and failure to properly reimburse
 providers for services rendered to patients.
- Represented out-of-network emergency medicine and anesthesiology providers in suits against a national insurance company for failure to pay fair market value for care and breach of contract.
- Recovered non-payments for an urban hospital following an arbitration proceeding against a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan.
- Defeated a more than \$10 million federal RICO claim brought by dual-trained endovascular surgeons
 against a large regional health system, its board, and CEO following extensive and exhaustive
 summary judgment proceedings.

- Represented an employer-funded health care plan accused of failing to pay for COVID-19 tests in Texas and negotiated a settlement of all claims with the plan's third-party administrator.
- Represented health care providers in Arizona in arbitrations against national payors that led to the renegotiation of critical network agreements.
- Represented a multi-state primary care provider in a multimillion-dollar dispute with a dental services provider.
- Obtained dismissal of claims totaling more than \$25 million in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on behalf of the largest retailer-owned supermarket cooperative in the U.S. in an action brought by a property developer who alleged that the client and one of its member supermarkets caused the failure of the plaintiff's commercial development by pretending to be interested in locating a supermarket there while simultaneously planning to locate the supermarket at a competing development.

Professional Honors & Activities

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- Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America for Health Care Law (2021 2025). This award is conferred by Best Lawyers. A description of the selection methodology is available here.
- Selected to New Jersey Rising Stars in Health Care (2019 2025). This award is conferred by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology is available here.
- Selected as a recipient of New Jersey Law Journal's "New Leaders of the Bar" award (2021). This award is conferred by the New Jersey Law Journal. A description of the selection methodology is available here.

Publications

• "When Can the Attorney-Client Privilege Be Invoked?," *Bloomberg Law Daily Labor Report* (March 2021)

Speaking Engagements

 "Social Media Evidence: From Discovery Through Trial," Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey (April 2022)

- New York Law School, J.D., 2013
- Bryn Mawr College, B.A., 2009

Admissions

- New Jersey, 2014
- New York, 2014
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey