



John W. Dillane

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For health care systems, individual hospitals or large physician groups needing counsel on mergers and acquisitions, John Dillane is the attorney to call. His experience handling major transactions in the health care industry gives him a deep understanding of the dynamics involved in acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, joint operating agreements, tax-exempt bond issues and other transactions.

On behalf of health care institutions, John acts as a lead negotiator and adviser in matters including:

- The acquisition and divestiture of hospitals, ambulatory care facilities, multi-specialty physician group practices and managed care companies.
- The negotiation, establishment and termination of joint ventures between hospitals and physicians and between not-for-profit and for-profit companies.
- Advice concerning corporate structuring and governance.
- Advice concerning taxable and tax-exempt financing transactions, including tax-exempt bond issues, private debt placements, revolving credit facilities, commercial paper and derivatives such as interest rate swaps.

John is skilled in developing creative solutions, despite changes in law that have diminished the scope of physician-hospital partnership arrangements. In acquisitions, he has helped health systems to optimize their tax position and design novel transaction structures to allow clients to achieve their goals and comply with financial covenants.

His practice also includes the representation of various closely held businesses and their owners in mergers and acquisitions, financings, corporate planning, succession planning, tax-free exchanges of real estate, formations of partnerships, joint ventures and limited liability companies, and general corporate matters.

While practicing at UB Greensfelder, John has occasionally served on the adjunct faculty of Washington University in St. Louis as a legal writing instructor and as an adjunct professor of law teaching federal taxation of partnerships.

Education

Practices & Industries

- Health Care
- Business Law
- Banking & Commercial Finance
- Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Health Care & Regulated Industries
- Educational, Religious & Tax-Exempt Organizations

- Washington University School of Law (J.D., 1984)
 - Order of the Coif
- University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1980)
 - Government
 - International Studies

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. Tax Court

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Awards & Honors

- Ranked in Band 1 for Healthcare in Missouri by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2022-2026)
- Named to The Legal 500 US Elite, Missouri, Corporate and M&A (2025; 2026)
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Law (2023-2026); Health Care Law (2007-2026)
- Named *Best Lawyers* Health Care Law "Lawyer of the Year" in the St. Louis Area (2019)
- Missouri Lawyers Media ICON Award (2019)
- AV Preeminent®, Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™, Judicial Edition (2018)
- Named to the Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers list, Business/Corporate Law (2005-2006, 2012-2013)

Experience

- Represented a health care system in several hospital acquisitions and divestitures.
- Represented a health care system as borrower's counsel in multiple issuances of tax-exempt bonds.
- Represented a health care system in the acquisition of a health maintenance organization.
- Represented a health system in the acquisition of a major multi-specialty physician practice.
- Represented a large multi-specialty physician group being acquired by a hospital system.

News & Media

July 21, 2026

UB Greensfelder Attorneys and Firm Earn Recognition in Legal 500 2026 U.S. City Elite Rankings

June 4, 2026

UB Greensfelder Earns Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2026 Edition

August 21, 2025

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 List

June 5, 2025

UB Greensfelder Expands Chambers USA Rankings with 13 Practices and 24 Attorneys Recognized in the 2025 Edition

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UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 List

June 6, 2024

Nine UB Greensfelder Practices and 22 Attorneys Recognized by Chambers USA 2024

August 17, 2023

Best Lawyers 2024 Edition Lists 66 Greensfelder Attorneys, Including Five “Lawyers Of The Year”

June 1, 2023

Greensfelder Practices and Attorneys Earn High Rankings in Chambers USA 2023 Guide

August 18, 2022

Best Lawyers 2023 Edition Lists Over 60 Greensfelder Attorneys, Including Five St. Louis ‘Lawyers Of The Year’

June 1, 2022

Greensfelder Practices and Officers Earn Rankings In Chambers USA 2022 Edition

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Best Lawyers 2022 Edition Lists 60 Greensfelder Attorneys, Including Three St. Louis ‘Lawyers Of The Year’