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Diane Welsh is a Partner in the firm, and a member of the Litigation Practice Group.

Diane advises clients on a variety of matters, including: federal and state privacy laws; regulatory compliance (ranging from health, gaming, education and more); program integrity; and, crisis management. Diane has more than fifteen years of experience in government, administrative, and health care law. Her substantial experience advising top-level state officials allows her to evaluate regulatory and legal problems and recommend and implement strategic, pragmatic solutions for her clients.

Diane is also an experienced litigator, having handled matters ranging from administrative hearings to appeals. She has litigated hundreds of cases before the Wisconsin Court of Appeals and the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Diane served as a United States Supreme Court Fellow with the National Association of Attorneys General. She has practiced in the United States Supreme Court, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, federal district courts, state courts, and the Division of Hearings and Appeals.

Prior to joining Cullen Weston Pines & Bach LLP, Diane served as Chief Legal Counsel for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and an assistant attorney general at the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Diane is an active member of the community. Her current activities include serving on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, as a member of the Dean's Advisory Board for the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater College of Letters and Sciences, and as a member of Wisconsin Women in Government.

Practice Areas

- Administrative and Regulatory Law
- Regulatory Compliance
- Strategic Risk and Crisis Management
- Government Law

- Health Care Reform
- Health Law
- Health Information Privacy and Security
- Patient Care Issues and Risk Management
- Litigation and Risk Management
- Appellate

Education

- American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, District of Columbia, 1998
 - J.D.
 - Honors: *summa cum laude*
 - Honors: Recipient of the 1998 Outstanding Graduate Award
 - Honors: Equal Justice Foundation, Member
 - Law Review: The American University Law Review, Note and Comment Editor
- Ball State University
 - M.B.A.
- University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
 - B.B.A.
 - Major: Marketing

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin, 1998
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit

Other Affiliations

- Wisconsin Women in Government
- American Health Lawyers Association (Member)
- American Bar Association (Member)
- Legal Association of Women (Member)
- Dane County Bar Association (Member)
- State Bar of Wisconsin (Member)

- American Inns of Court, James E. Doyle Chapter
- HIPAA Collaborative of Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Society of Health Care Risk Managers

Past Employment Positions

- von Briesen and Roper, S.C.
- Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services, Chief Legal Counsel, 2005 – 2011
- Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services, Executive Assistant, 2003 – 2005
- Wisconsin Department of Justice, Assistant Attorney General, 1998 – 2003
- Senator Russ Feingold, Intern, 1998
- National Association of College & University Attorneys, Law Clerk, 1997 – 1998
- University of Wisconsin - Parkside, Director of University Activities and Assistant Director of Student Life, 1986 - 1995