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Melisa C. Zwilling is a shareholder with Carr Allison and is a resident in its Birmingham, Alabama, office. Her practice focuses exclusively on Medicare Compliance and she chairs the firm's Medicare practice group. She has been practicing in this area for over 12 years and is considered a national authority on Medicare Secondary Payer issues. Ms. Zwilling has published numerous articles in major journals nationwide and has been a guest speaker at countless seminars and conferences across the country. She is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and recently submitted a brief to the Court concerning Medicare Secondary Payer issues.

Ms. Zwilling earned a rating of AV, the highest available, with the national lawyer ranking service of Martindale Hubbell. She has been recognized by Alabama SuperLawyers and as one of Birmingham's Top Rated Lawyers. In addition, she was invited to Fortune's list of Premier Lawyers in 2007 and Time's list of the Most Influential Women in America in 2008.

Ms. Zwilling received two Bachelor of Science degrees, *magna cum laude*, from Athens State University and her law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law, *cum laude*.

Practice Areas:

Medicare Compliance, Chair

Admitted to Practice:

**United States Supreme Court
State of Alabama
United States District Courts for the
Northern, Middle and Southern Districts
of Alabama
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh
Circuit**

Education:

**Athens State University (B.S.), *magna
cum laude*
University of Alabama School of Law
(J.D.), *cum laude***

Affiliations:

**Alabama State Bar Association
Alabama Defense Lawyers Association
American Bar Association
Defense Research Institute
USLAW Network
National Association of Medicare Set-
aside Professionals (NAMSAP)
Medicare Advocacy Recovery Coalition
(MARC)**

Published Work:

- Does Medicare Have a Right to Recover in Wrongful Death Cases?, The Alabama Self-Insurer Newsletter, Winter 2010.
- 2009 Medicare Notification Requirements: Are You and Your Clients Prepared?, Georgia Defense Lawyer, Winter 2009.
- 2009 Medicare Mandatory Insurer Reporting Requirements, American Bar Association Commercial Trucking Litigation Committee Newsletter, Fall 2008.
- New Medicare Notification Requirements, Counsel to Counsel, September 2008.
- The 2009 Medicare Notification Requirements: Are You and Your Clients Prepared?, Alabama Defense Lawyers Association Journal, September 2008.
- Current Issues Concerning Medicare Set-asides, National Council of Self-Insurers, September, 2006.
- Medicare Set-asides in Litigation, California Self Insurers Association Newsletter, Second Quarter, 2006.
- Medicare Set-asides, The Alabama Self Insurer, Spring 2006.
- Recent Developments Concerning Medicare Set-asides from a Workers' Compensation Perspective, Vol. 21, No. 5 CWCE Magazine January/February, 2004.
- Dealing with Medicare Issues in Workers' Compensation Settlements, Vol. LXXVII, No. 2 Florida Bar Journal, 47 February, 2003.
- Medicare Issues in Workers' Compensation Settlements, News & 440 Report, Publication of the Workers' Compensation Section of the Florida Bar, Fall, 2002.
- Medicare Issues and the Closure of Future Medical Benefits, Benefits Bugle, Winter-Spring, 2002.
- Closing Future Medical Benefits for Injured Workers, For The Defense, October, 2001.
- Closing Future Medical Benefits for Injured Workers, Vol. 62, No. 6 Alabama Lawyer, 323 September, 2001.

Representative Presentations and Seminars:

- Defense Research Institute Seminars
- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA) Seminars
- Louisiana State Bar Association Workers' Compensation Seminar
- American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Naples, Florida
- American Bar Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California
- Kentucky Claims Association Annual Seminar
- Alabama Defense Lawyers Annual Meeting
- National Council of Self Insurers Annual Seminar
- Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS) Claims Conferences
- Property Loss Research Bureau/Liability Insurance Research Bureau (PLRB) Claims Conferences
- SEAC National Conference
- Iowa Self Insurers Annual Conference
- Council on Education in Management Seminar
- International Workers' Compensation Foundation Seminars
- International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions Panel Presenter
- Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce Symposium
- University of Alabama School of Law Continuing Legal Education Seminars
- Cumberland School of Law Continuing Legal Education Seminars
- Lorman Educational Group Seminars
- South Carolina Bar Association Workers' Compensation Seminar
- South Carolina Educational Association Workers' Compensation Seminar
- Rhode Island International Workers' Compensation Seminar
- Alabama Self Insurers Association Seminar
- Numerous additional presentations in many states concerning Medicare Compliance issues