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### **Litigation for Addiction Treatment Centers**

Owning any type of business puts you at risk for litigation, and this is why it's so important to consult with a lawyer when you're managing or opening a drug and alcohol rehab facility. In the business of addiction treatment you are responsible for assisting clients who need help with their substance use disorder.

There are times when clients don't get the results that they're looking for. It's important to have a litigation attorney by your side in the event you're ever faced with a lawsuit from a former client or member of their family.

There are a variety of lawsuits your facility could face such as:

- Criminal action
- Discrimination
- Negligence
- Medical malpractice
- Patient abuse
- Personal injury
- Wrongful death

Don't wait until you're targeted as the defendant in a civil or criminal case. Seeking the advice of a lawyer even before you open your drug or alcohol treatment facility will make sure you are in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws.

## Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) of 1996 requires businesses to maintain the confidentiality of any health information they collect from their clients, patients and employees. As the operator of a drug and alcohol treatment center, you need to make sure that your facility is HIPPA compliant.

The HIPAA Privacy Rule requires health plans and covered health care providers to develop and distribute a notice that provides a clear, user-friendly explanation of people's rights with respect to their personal health information. A lawyer can help you draft an official HIPPA statement and privacy policy to display at your facility and on your company's website.

### Get Help from a Trial Lawyer

A litigation lawyer can help you navigate all phases of a court case including:

- Initial case investigation
- Pleading
- Pre-trial discovery
- Trial
- Settlement
- Appeal
- Enforcement

Whether your case is headed to court, or being settled outside the courtroom, a trial lawyer will walk you through the entire process. If you are considering civil action against someone, a litigator will help you decide if the case warrants a lawsuit or if it's better served via arbitration or mediation.

#### Legal Assistance for Your Facility

If the possibility of litigation does arise, you will know that the proper precautions are in place to protect both the patient and the business. A lawyer will work hard to protect your rights as well as your business whether you're the defendant or plaintiff when you go to court.

If the event your treatment center or rehab facility is ever faced with a lawsuit reach out to TreatmentAttorneys.com. Our network of experienced addiction treatment attorneys are fully knowledgeable in the laws of your state and can provide the guidance and protection you need in the event of allegations or litigation.

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