

# NDHA Webinar

## North Dakota Compassionate Care Act (Medical Marijuana)

Presented by: Melissa Hauer, NDHA General Counsel and  
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This is a FREE webinar and will be held via WebEx.

### Target Audience

All disciplines.

### Content:

This webinar will provide a general overview of the ND Compassionate Care Act. This law, which goes into effect on December 8, 2016, legalizes the use of medical marijuana to treat defined medical conditions such as cancer, AIDS, ALS, and epilepsy. This one-hour webinar will provide an overview of the new law, its impact on hospital operations, and the various legal issues it raises for members not only as providers but as employers as well.

### SPEAKERS

**Melissa Hauer** is General Counsel at the North Dakota Hospital Association. Prior to joining NDHA, Melissa served in both the private and public sectors. She started her career practicing law in Washington and, after deciding to return home, she practiced with a Bismarck law firm primarily in the areas of lobbying, family law, wills, trusts, and estates, and litigation. She also served as General Counsel for Sanford West, part of the largest not-for-profit rural health system in the nation, the North Dakota Insurance Department, and the North Dakota Department of Human Services.

Melissa earned a bachelor's degree, cum laude, from the University of North Dakota and received her law degree, cum laude, from the Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Washington. She is the author of a number of published articles pertaining to healthcare law including Legal Issues in Genetic Testing, Planning for Nursing Home Care in North Dakota, and What to Know about Nursing Home Insurance for Farmers. Melissa is a member of the Washington State Bar Association, the State Bar Association of North Dakota, and the Big Muddy Bar Association.

**Tracy Kolb** has been practicing law in North Dakota since 1995. She has practiced in the private and public sector handling litigation, administrative and legislative matters, and legal and regulatory compliance matters, particularly in the health care setting. Her private practice has been devoted primarily to litigation, mostly representing health care providers—hospitals, clinics, physicians, nurses, and long-term care facilities—and the defense of medical malpractice cases. Tracy has also represented providers in state regulatory licensing and disciplinary matters.

Tracy has a special interest in data privacy and security law as applied to health care providers and other industries and businesses. She has an in-depth working knowledge of HIPAA and HITECH and other data privacy and security laws and has counseled and assisted clients in their compliance efforts with these laws including developing data privacy and security programs. Among other privacy and security-related work and projects, Tracy was a member of the American Bar Association's HITECH Task Force, a group of lawyers that worked over a five-year period studying and developing analyses, templates, forms and educational materials dealing with key HITECH privacy and security compliance issues. Tracy practices in North Dakota state and federal courts, and has also appeared regularly in tribal courts representing Indian tribes, tribal entities, and other defendants.

### HOW TO REGISTER:

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