



Speaking & Publishing  
Resource Guide



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# Speaking Engagements

## Looking for a speaker?

Garretson Resolution Group's (GRG) attorneys and subject matter experts speak at numerous Continuing Legal Education (CLE) events each year. Below is a listing of our most commonly presented topics. If you're looking for a presentation on a particular subject that you do not see listed below, please contact us and we'll be happy to accommodate. Please contact Marketing Coordinator Meghan Abney at 513.794.0400 or mabney@garretsongroup.com.

## GRG Resolution & Compliance Summary

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### Medicare Set Asides (MSAs)

- Dealing with misinformation
- What is a MSA and when it is necessary?
- MSAs in Workers Compensation Cases
- Use and propriety of MSAs in Liability Settlements (separating facts from the urban legends)
- Toolbox for MSAs
  - Evaluation
  - Cutting edge technology
- Trends to watch

### Medicare and Medicaid Compliance

- Reimbursement of conditional payments (strategies and practice tips)
- Identifying the issues, including Medicaid issues specific to your state (and trends in other states)
- Systemizing procedures
- Ethics of lien resolution outsourcing
- Needs-based benefit preservation
- Asbestos Lien Resolution
- MMSEA (Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007)
  - Uniformity of data exchange
  - New standards, how the MMSEA is affecting all settlements
  - CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) guidance
  - Unique issues for various types of settlements: Med Mal, Nursing Home, Asbestos, etc.
  - Strategies and practice tips to assist firms in efficiently dealing with healthcare liens

### Addressing ERISA and Private Healthcare Liens

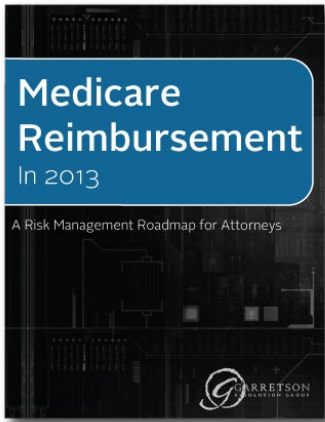
- Case updates, common traps and pitfalls
- What's on the horizon
- Medicare Advantage / HMO – Common misunderstandings about these plans' rights of recovery

### Resolving Claims & Mass Torts

- Mechanisms for coordinating a national strategy
- Achieving global resolutions
- MMSEA issues
- Lien Resolution, Claims Administration, Fund Administration

# Publications

Listed below are a sample of recent articles and whitepapers available for publication. To download, please visit our online library at [www.garretsongroup.com](http://www.garretsongroup.com). If you are interested in publishing one of the works below in your journal or magazine please contact our Director of Marketing, Erin Hively at 513.794.0400 or [ehively@garretsongroup.com](mailto:ehively@garretsongroup.com).



## Medicare Reimbursement in 2013: A Risk Management Roadmap for Attorneys

Attorneys settling liability cases have become accustomed to special requirements for resolving cases with Medicare beneficiaries over the last few years. They now need to take into account reporting requirements for payments made to beneficiaries and know how to handle the obligation to reimburse Medicare for the costs of past medical treatment. But, what about future medical costs linked to that injury? How are those to be addressed? In this white paper, we will guide you through the process step-by-step.



## The SMART Act: How a New Federal Law Could Fast Track Your Settlements

President Obama signed the Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers Act – the SMART Act – into law earlier this year, triggering broad ramifications for attorneys who handle liability claims. The law aims to shorten the time Medicare takes to calculate its reimbursement right for proceeds of a settlement, judgment, or damage award. But, it also implements firm timeframes for reporting anticipated settlements, and disputing Medicare's reimbursement claims – which means firms will need a system to carefully monitor those timeframes. Find out how to stay ahead of the curve when it comes to the Medicare reimbursement process in this white paper.

## Stay-in-Touch



GRG's Stay-in-Touch program allows you to decide how you receive our Practice Tips, white papers and Client Alerts to ensure you are always up-to-date on the latest news concerning healthcare liens and compliance.

- Join our mailing list to receive alerts via email
- Follow our blog and submit your questions
- Join our social media following to be alerted to new information as soon as its posted

Ask the experts your question! We've answered hundreds of questions on all topics including Lien Resolution, Medicare Set Asides, MSP Reporting and more. Also, find commentary on the latest legislation as well as guidance from GRG - whitepapers, client alerts and practice tips.



# Our Speakers



## **Matt Garretson** Founder | CEO

Matt Garretson is the founding partner and CEO of Garretson Resolution Group (GRG), which provides mass tort/class action settlement allocation and fund administration services. The company also handles the resolution of reimbursement claims and liens, Medicare Set Asides and probate

administration for individual and mass tort plaintiffs. He received his BA from Yale University and his law degree at Kentucky's Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Matt is a frequent speaker at Continuing Legal Education seminars about lawyers' professional responsibilities - including liens and reimbursement claims - in individual and mass tort settlements. Furthermore, Matt is the author of a legal textbook published by West Publishing entitled *Negotiating and Settling Tort Cases*. In addition, he has authored several articles<sup>1</sup> regarding professional responsibility in individual and mass tort settlements that have been published in many national, state as well as international publications. In 2005, *Loyola University Journal of Public Interest Law* published an article he authored entitled, "A Practical Approach to Avoiding Conflicts of Interest in Aggregate Settlements."

Matt serves as the special master and/or administrator of settlement funds throughout the country in many product liability, civil rights and church-related sexual abuse matters.



## **Libby Vish** Attorney at Law | Director of Mass Tort Compliance

Libby joined the Garretson Resolution Group (GRG) in November 2006 and serves as the Director of Mass Tort Compliance. In her role, Libby assesses new projects to assist clients in determining the appropriate scope of service, resources and

materials to ensure the proper level of healthcare compliance is achieved. She can address all aspects mass tort

healthcare compliance. As an attorney with GRG, Libby has extensive experience with Medicaid matters as they relate to Medicaid Recovery and works closely with the Single Event Lien Resolution Group.

She is a member of both the Kentucky and North Carolina Bar Associations. Libby received her BS in Marketing and BA in Political Science from Miami University (OH) and her JD from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law. While in law school, Libby worked for the Justice Martin Johnstone (ret.) of the Kentucky Supreme Court and the late Justice McAnulty, of the Kentucky Court of Appeals.



## **John Cattie** Attorney at Law | Future Cost of Care

John heads the Future Cost of Care practice at Garretson Resolution Group. In his role, John counsels attorneys nationwide with respect to Medicare compliance under the Medicare Secondary Payer Act. In particular, he advises attorneys on the applicability

and use of Medicare Set-Aside Arrangements (MSAs) as a part of workers' compensation, liability and no-fault settlements.

John received his BA in International Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1997, and his JD/MBA from Villanova University in 2003. Licensed to practice law in North Carolina and South Carolina, John is a member of the Mecklenburg County Bar, the North Carolina Bar Association, the South Carolina Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Serving as a neutral third party with respect to Medicare compliance, John is a member of DRI, WILG, AAJ and NAMSAP. Within DRI, John serves as the Vice Chairman of the DRI Medicare Secondary Payer Task Force and on the Young Lawyers Steering Committee as Corporate Counsel Co-Vice Chairman. He is a frequent speaker at continuing education events nationwide on the subject of Medicare Secondary Payer compliance.



## Michael Russell

Lead Attorney | ERISA & Private Health Insurance

Michael leads the private health care division of the Garretson Resolution Group's (GRG) Lien Resolution department in Charlotte, North Carolina. His responsibilities include educating attorneys on the obligations and related issues

that may arise with regard to private liens, evaluating plans of benefit providers, and working with a team of GRG analysts to negotiate and resolve private health care liens. Michael's group is well versed in dealing with subrogation and reimbursement actions involving ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act), FEHBA (Federal Employees Health Benefit Act), Supplemental Medicare/Medicaid, Workers Compensation, and other governmental liens.

Upon joining GRG in September of 2008, Michael provided Qualified Settlement Fund (QSF) services for the firm including fund establishment and managerial oversight of fund administration. In addition, he provided research and drafting assistance with respect to settlement taxation, government benefits, and lien resolution. While he took over his new position in September of 2009, he continues to be involved with the Claims Administration department and provide guidance with regard to the use and administration of QSFs.

Michael earned his undergraduate degree in History from the University of Notre Dame and his JD from the University of Kentucky College of Law. Michael interned at the United States Tax Court in Washington, D.C. and with the City of Cincinnati Law Department.



## Sylvius H. von Saucken

Attorney at Law | Chief Compliance Officer

Sylvius H. von Saucken, J.D., a tax, estate/trust and benefits attorney, joined the Garretson Resolution Group in 2005 and currently serves as its Chief Compliance Officer & Fiduciary. In his capacity as

Chief Compliance Officer Sylvius leads the firm's internal protocol development and training initiatives, as well as providing compliance support to the firm's Medicare Set Aside custodial company, Affiance Partners.

In his capacity as Fiduciary for all of the Garretson Resolution Group's 150 plus settlement funds, Sylvius works closely with the company's Fund Administration team to address operational decisions for qualified settlement funds and other settlement fund vehicles; including developing and overseeing principal preservation strategies and addressing tax reporting and other disbursement matters, including negotiating escrow-type agreements with financial institutions. Sylvius relies on his many years of serving as counsel for professional trustees and his experience as a tax and trust attorney to ensure that decisions made on behalf of the settlement funds and its beneficiaries follow prudent fiduciary and best practice standards. He has extensive experience in complex planning issues, drawing from a diverse background in fiduciary matters, such as estate planning, trust administration, taxation and related government benefit preservation issues. Sylvius received his BA in Diplomacy/Foreign Affairs & Political Science from Miami University and his law degree from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law, where he has served as an adjunct professor, co-teaching courses in Federal Wealth Transfer Taxation and Estate Planning.



## Katie Hosty

Attorney at Law | Publications Manager

As Publications Manager at the Garretson Resolution Group, Katie Hosty oversees the content of GRG's work in various outlets including educational seminars, national and state legal publications, websites, and social media.

Prior to joining GRG, Katie worked as both a defense attorney and a journalist. She spent nearly seven years as a litigation associate in large Chicago law firms, where she successfully defended a wide breadth of commercial cases and tort claims in state and federal court. Katie is licensed to practice law in Indiana and Illinois, having earned her law degree at the University of Notre Dame.



# Experience

GRG has the resources to handle the biggest settlements, as well as the compassion, skill, and discretion to handle the most delicate and sensitive matters.

A partial listing of recent high-profile multiple-claimant projects include:



## Q&A

**Q: What does it cost to have a GRG attorney or subject matter expert speak at a CLE event?**

A: We do not charge or accept payment for speaking at seminars and CLEs. Also, all travel expenses for speakers will be paid by GRG.

**Q: What materials will you provide our attendees?**

A: We provide various materials for attendees to reference throughout our presentations, including a speaker's biography, company white papers and applicable journal articles.

**Q: How do I request a speaker?**

A: All speaking requests are processed through our Marketing Department. Please send all speaking

requests to Marketing Coordinator Meghan Abney at 513.794.0400 or [mabney@garretsongroup.com](mailto:mabney@garretsongroup.com).

**Q: Do you promote your services while you speak?**

A: No, we do not speak about our services, rather we educate on statutory, regulatory and administrative guidance regarding specific topics. We present practical

solutions for dealing with various issues.

**Q: Do you support reform efforts like the SMART Act?**

A: Yes, we have provided MARC as well as other entities with data and insights regarding our experiences, which are very valuable to their efforts.

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