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The Law Offices of Christina Strong is a specialty healthcare law practice.

Ms. Strong is particularly engaged in issues surrounding organ, eye and tissue donation for transplant, education and research, and has been closely involved in state and national law and policy development concerning anatomical donation and transplant. She was closely involved in the 2006 revision of the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, as well as numerous other legislative and regulatory initiatives to save lives through transplant.

A frequent speaker on legal and policy topics nationally, Ms. Strong endeavors to stimulate civil discussion on topics at the intersection of law, health care and bioethics. She also teaches at Rutgers University School of Law-Newark, as an Adjunct Professor in Health Law.

# PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

Principal Attorney, Law Office of Christina Strong, 1996 – 2002, 2004-present

Outside General Counsel, NJ Sharing Network, 1995-present

Of Counsel, Gibbons, DelDeo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, 2002-2004-

Assistant Director, Issues Management, Inc., 1996 – 2000

Of Counsel, **Giblin & Combs**, 1995 – 1996

Attorney, Cohen, Shapiro, Polisher, Shiekman & Cohen, 1991 – 1995

Attorney, Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher & Brennan, 1988 – 1991

## **EDUCATION:**

J.D., Rutgers University School of Law, Newark 1988

B.A., Skidmore College, 1984

University of Stockholm International Graduate School 1980-81

Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York 1978-1980

## PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS:

Supreme Court of New Jersey 1988

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, 1988

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1988

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Adjunct Professor, Rutgers School of Law, Newark, New Jersey, 2014 to present

Trustee, Trinity Counselling Service, Princeton, New Jersey, 2019

Trustee, Donate Life America, 2011-2018

Member, MTF Medical Examiner/Coroner Committee, 2007-2018.

Joint Organ Donation Task Force, New Jersey Hospital Association, 2005-2011

Observer to National Council of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Uniform Anatomical Gift Act Committee, 2004-2006. Stakeholder Committee on UAGA Enactment, 2006-2009.

Member, American Health Lawyers Association, 1991-present

Member, New Jersey State Bar Association, Health and Hospital Law Section, 2003-present. End of Life Task Force, 2009-present. Professional Responsibility Committee, 1991 – 1992.

Officer/Trustee, Hi-Tops, Inc. 2005-2009

Trustee, New Jersey Health Decisions/Social Workers Palliative Care Network, 2007-2009

Essex Inns of Court, William J. Brennan, Jr. Chapter, 1989 – 1991

Citizens Committee on Biomedical Ethics, Central New Jersey Chapter, 1990 – 1994

Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Biomedical Ethics Committee, 1998 – 2000

Trustee, Central New Jersey Maternal Child Health Consortium, 1999 -2005

## REPRESENTATIVE ARTICLES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

Speaker, United Network for Organ Sharing, Region 5 Collaborative Meeting, "First Person Authorization for DCD Donors", Las Vegas, Nevada, August 2019

Speaker, Association of Bioskills Laboratory Excellence Annual Meeting, "Legal Considerations for Bioskills Events", Chicago, Illinois, August 2019

On-Line Presenter, Practising Law Institute "Giving Life at the 'End of Life' – Legal Considerations," February 2019

Speaker, Mid-South Transplant Foundation, Inc. "Legal Aspects of Donation" Memphis, Tennessee, April 11, 2018

Speaker, Greater New York Hospital Association, "Making It Happen" November, 2017

Speaker, New York City Bar Association, New York Alliance for Donation Symposium: "The Rare Chance: Legal Aspects of Donation" April, 2017

Speaker, Association of Bioskills Laboratory Excellence Annual Meeting, "Legal Trends", Clearwater, Florida, August 2016

Guest, WHYY Philadelphia Public Radio "The Pulse" Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2016. <a href="https://www.newsworks.org/pulse/thebody/">www.newsworks.org/pulse/thebody/</a>

Presenter: Live Training and Webinar, "The Gift of Oneself", OneLegacy, Los Angeles, California, February 2016

Trainer: "Why We Are Here: Facilitating the Gift of Life" LiveOnNY, New York, New York, April, 2016

Speaker: NJ Sharing Network Annual Symposium: "Life Is a Gift", Edison, New Jersey, November 2015

Presenter, Webinar: "Core Elements of Authorization", American Association of Tissue Banks, April 2015

Speaker, Hospital Executive Leadership Summit, LifeShare Transplant Donor Services of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 2015

Speaker and Privacy Work Group Facilitator, Eye Bank Association of America, 2014

Contributing Author: *Bioethics*, *4*<sup>th</sup> *Edition*. Edited by Bruce Jennings. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 2014

Speaker, "Anatomical Gifting in New York" New York County Lawyers Association, NYC, May 2014

Featured Presenter, California Transplant Donor Network Symposium, San Jose, CA "Legal and Ethical Aspects of Donation", October, 2013

Editorial, (with Teresa Shafer) Donation of Bodily Material for Medicine and Research, British Medical Journal 2011; 343 doi: 10.1136/bmj.d6839 (Published 26 October 2011)

Key Note Speaker, United Network for Organ Sharing Region 6, Honolulu Hawaii, September, 2011

Speaker, "First Person Donation Authorization: Legal Requirements And Basis For Action," Hospital Attorneys and Risk Managers, Houston, Texas, August, 2011

Curriculum Development and Video Presenter--"Heroes Act"--University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Center for Continuing and Outreach Education July-August 2011

Co-Presenter, "Sources and Uses of Health Data in the Electronic Health Information Age" Practice Group Luncheon, American Health Lawyers Association Annual Meeting, June, 2011

Workshop Facilitator, "FIRST PERSON AUTHORIZATION IN CALIFORNIA, Understanding as the Basis for Action", OneLegacy Organ Procurement Organization, Los Angeles, California, May, 2011

Speaker, "WHOSE BODY IS IT? The Law of Donor Designated Individual Anatomical Gifts in New York State," SUNY Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care, and Bioethics, State University of New York, Stony Brook, April 2011

Author, "Avoiding Confusion —Pay Attention to the Donation Language in an Advance Directive" UNOS Update, September-October 2010.

Video Presentation: "The Gift of a Human Body: An Exploration of the Legal Basis for Anatomical Practice", American Association of Clinical Anatomists Annual Meeting, July 2010 Honolulu, Hawaii

Task Force Chair, American Association of Tissue Banks, Consent Standards Revision, March 2009- June 2011

Speaker, Biomedical Skills Laboratory Management Symposium, "Where Do Bodies Come From", Orlando, Florida, June 2010

Author, with Sheldon Kurtz, JD and David Gerasimow, <u>The 2006 Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act-A Law to Save Lives</u>, *Health Lawyers News*, February 2007.

Speaker, "Uniform Anatomical Gift Act", National Association of Medical Examiners Annual Meeting, October 2006.

Speaker, "Update on the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act", Association of Organ Procurement Organizations, Boston Massachusetts, June 2006.

Award Recipient, Annual Executive Director's Award, Association of Organ Procurement Organizations, 2006.

Speaker, "Improvements to the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act: A Work in Progress", National Association of Transplant Coordinators Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, July 2005.

Speaker, "Hospital Development Issues in the Proposed OPO Regulations", Joint Presentation with Marcia LaBar Newton, CMS, Association of Organ Procurement Organizations Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California. June, 2005.

Speaker, "Brain Death Regulation", Joint Task Force on Organ Donation, New Jersey Hospital Association, Princeton, New Jersey. May 2005

Speaker, Consent and Documentation Workshop, OneLegacy, Los Angeles, California, March, 2004

Speaker, "Antitrust for Physicians", New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians. December, 2003.

Speaker, "HIPAA Privacy Issues", Eye Bank Association of America, 2003

Author, "Organ Donation: What Hospitals Need to Know," Garden State Focus, February 2000.

Panelist, "Ethical Issues Involved with Procurement of Organs for Transplantation," Medical Society of State of New York, Committee of Bioethics, April 1999.

Televised appearance, "Legal Issues in Organ Donation," *Legal Café*, Court TV, 1998.

Speaker, "Transplantation Consent to Tissue Donation," 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association of Tissue Banks, August 1998.

Speaker, "Organ Donation," Association for Healthcare Risk Management of New York, Inc., Mount Sinai Medical Center, April 1997.

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