



### **Damaris Medina, Esq.**



After graduating from Tufts University, Damaris received a law degree from Suffolk University. She became certified by the Massachusetts, New York, and California Bars and began a career as a business and litigation attorney in New York City.

In 2009, she moved to California and began to focus her career on healthcare law. As a healthcare attorney, Damaris represents a diverse array of healthcare provider clients, including urgent care centers in complex litigation, transactional and regulatory issues, and risk management. She advises providers on managed care contracting, employment, compliance, breach of contract, and other related business matters, in addition to defending them against government investigations and payer audits, including audits and investigations by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

She also currently represents urgent care centers all over the country in structuring operations and business arrangements while ensuring legal compliance with corporate practice of medicine statutes, Stark Law, Anti-Kickback Statutes, fraud and abuse regulations, and HIPAA.

In her litigation practice, Damaris has successfully litigated numerous large exposure cases on behalf of healthcare providers, including those involving major health plans, as well as many independent practice associations. Damaris also dedicates a large part of her practice to advocating on behalf of providers through litigation and regulatory and legislative efforts.

Damaris became involved with the UCA several years ago. She is Past Treasurer of UCA, and has served as a member of various UCA committees including the Health and Public Policy Committee. Damaris regularly lectures on legal and business issues at UCA events. She also regularly publishes in the *Journal of Urgent Care Medicine*, and wrote a chapter in the *Textbook for Urgent Care Management*.