

**AMY L. SOPCHAK**

**EDUCATION:**

**South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas.**

Doctor of Jurisprudence, Cum Laude, May 2008.

Honors and Activities:

Dean's Honor List for Academic Merit,  
Lyndon B. Johnson Civil Rights Award, and  
Order of the Lytæ.

**University of Houston, Houston, Texas.**

Bachelor of Science, Suma Cum Laude, in Psychology 2004.

Honors and Activities:

Earned a 4.0 Grade Point Average,  
Psi Chi Honor Society, and  
Alpha Chi Honor Society.

**EXPERIENCE:**

**Sufian & Passamano, L. L. P., Houston, Texas.**

Associate Attorney, November 2008 to present.

Engaged in a health law practice involving Health insurance appeals, Medicaid and Medicare appeals, Social Security Appeals, Estate Planning, including Special Needs Trusts, Miller's Trusts, Probate and Estate Administration.

**Sufian & Passamano, L. L. P., Houston, Texas.**

Law Clerk, August 2005 to October 2008.

Responsible for drafting legal memoranda, petitions and motions related to health law and general civil practice. Drafted long term disability appeals, researched issues and drafted discovery. Participated in initial client consultations with clients.

**The Methodist Hospital Research Institute, Houston, Texas.**

Member of the Institutional Review Board, April 2012 to present.

Serve as community member of IRB2 which reviews, approves and monitors human subject medical research conducted by the Methodist Hospital system.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:**

Admitted to practice in the State of Texas, 2008.

Admitted to practice in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, 2009.

Admitted to practice in District of Columbia, 2011.

**ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS:**

Member of the Houston Bar Association.

Member of National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives.  
Member of the College of the State Bar of Texas.  
Treasurer for the Houston Bar Association Social Security Section 2011 to 2012.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Beth Sufian, James Passamano, Lauren Hunsaker, Amy Sopchak, Crystal Thanos, *Adults with Cystic Fibrosis Face Complex Legal Problems*, PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY, Vol. 47, Supp. 35, p. \_\_\_\_ ( October 2012).

Beth Sufian, James Passamano, Amy Sopchak, Crystal Thanos, *Stopping Work Due to Cystic Fibrosis: Timing Improves Outcomes*, PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY, Vol. 47, Supp. 35, p. \_\_\_\_ (October 2012).

Beth Sufian, James Passamano, Amy Sopchak, Crystal Thanos, *When a Good Job Is Bad Medicine: What Transitioning Adults Should Know about Work and Disability*, PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY, Vol. 46, Supp. 34, p. 407 (November 2011).

James Passamano, Beth Sufian, Amy Sopchak, Crystal Thanos, *Quality Improvement and Patient's Employment Status: Improved CF Health Outcomes Through Disability Benefits*, PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY, Vol. 46, Supp. 34, p. 407 (November 2011).

Beth Sufian, James Passamano, Amy Sopchak, and Crystal Thanos, *Disparities in Care: the Absence of Health Insurance Coverage and its Effect on Cf Health Outcomes*, PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY, Vol. 45, Supp. 33 (October 2010).

**PRESENTATIONS AND SPEECHES:**

Social Security, Long Term Disability and Healthcare Reform, Ms. Wheelchair Texas Foundation Leadership and Advocacy Conference, Houston, Texas, March 2012.

Using Trusts to Obtain and Protect Medicaid Coverage, Disability 101, Houston, Texas, February 2012.

Using Special Needs Trusts to Obtain and Protect Medicaid Coverage, The Transition Workgroup for Families and Friends of Children with Disabilities, Houston, Texas, January 2012.

When a Good Job is Bad Medicine, What Transitioning Adults Should Know about Work and Disability Benefits, North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference, Anaheim, California, November 2011.

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, South Texas Social Worker Conference, Corpus Christi, Texas, August 2011.

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Houston Bar Association Social Security

Section, Houston, Texas, February 2011.

*Healthcare Reform Special Session: Everything Your CF Center and Patients Need to Know*, North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, October 2010.